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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

With each passing December day, an increasing number of colored lights and flickering candles appear throughout the land. These are associated not only with Christmas, but also with the Jewish celebration known as Channukah, or "Festival of Lights." There is a basic relationship between Channukah and Christmas. Both occasions are symbolized by lights--representing spiritual light. Both emphasize peace, good-will, feasting among family and friends, the giving of gifts, and the remembrance of the poor.

About two hundred years before the birth of Christ, Israel was subdued by the armies of Antiochus of Syria. Jerusalem fell and the situation seemed hopeless, but one leader, Judas Maccabeus, refused to accept defeat. He and his sons organized a guerrilla army and, after three years of persistent warfare, put the enemy to rout and triumphantly re-entered the city.

They found the Temple almost destroyed and the sacred lamp, whose light must be kept perpetually burning, extinguished. There was only enough olive oil to keep the lamp burning for one day and they knew it would take a number of days to extract more oil from the raw olives. Nevertheless, to resume worship, they lighted the lamp and set about the task of preparing a supply of oil.

Then a miracle happened. Instead of flickering out at the end of the first day, the lamp remained lighted for eight days without replenishment of fuel, giving the people time to prepare the necessary supply to keep the flame alive.

Since that time Jewish people all over the world celebrate the Maccabean victory and the miracle of the holy lamp by lighting one candle on the day victory was achieved, two candles the second day, and adding one each day until eight candles are lighted, commemorating the eight days of the miracle.

Channukah is observed on the 25th day of the Jewish counterpart of December. This day, however, seldom coincides with the secular calendar, since the Hebrew chronology is based upon the lunar system of counting time rather than the solar one.

Emma Lazarus, well known for her inscription on the Statue of Liberty, wrote a verse expressing the spirit of the Channukah festival:

THE FEAST OF LIGHTS

Kindle the taper like the steadfast star,
Ablaze on evening's forehead o'er the earth,
And add each night a luster till afar
An eightfold splendor shine above thine hearth.

Clash Israel, the cymbals, touch the lyre,
Blow the brass trumpet and the harsh-tongued horn;
Chant psalms of victory till the heart takes fire,
The Maccabean spirit leap new-born.

The lamp in the Temple has become known throughout the years as "The Eternal Lamp." There is a legend that the lamp still exists and that it is still miraculously lighted. We know that it is ever burning in the hearts of men.

Whether you are observing Christmas or Channukah, may the holidays this year bring to you an abundance of happiness and peace of mind.

Annette B. Dinsmore

NATURE RESENTS MAN'S TINKERING

Man's tinkering with nature's system of checks and balances can transform an animal or insect into a pest and a plant into a weed.

Hundreds of common weeds--plants growing where they are not wanted--hitchhiked to the United States as seeds in grain shipments. Once separated from natural enemies, the plants spread far and wide in a stubborn orgy of multiplication.

The South American water hyacinth, welcomed to the southern United States as an ornamental plant, spread along ditches and waterways. Conversely, the American prickly pear became a serious nuisance in Australia. The plant rampaged over 30,000,000 acres before an imported cactus moth halted its advance.

All plant and animal life is interrelated in a delicately balanced scheme. Plants provide food for insects, birds and animals. Each in turn whets the appetite of another creature, usually larger or stronger. Thus, every creature enjoys a special diet until it meets its fate and returns to the soil.

To insure survival, each species has the power to reproduce much faster than its death rate. So nature provides policemen--parasites, disease and predators--to keep a balance between life and food supply. Near disaster sometimes follows the removal of plants and animals from nature's discipline.

The West Indies' nightmarish experience with mongooses is a classic example. In India the courageous little animal is domesticated to guard homes against cobras, rats and mice. In Jamaica it became a curse.

Imported to rid cane fields of rats, ever-increasing hordes of mongooses quickly killed off the pests; also, snakes, birds lizards, chickens, lambs,

pigs, dogs and cats. The decline of birds and reptiles simplified the lives of harmful insects. A plague resulted, and it was years before the balance was restored.

United States naturalists are resisting sportsmen's importation of the European rabbit from San Juan Islands off Washington State. The prolific gray rodent rates as a farm villain in Australia, New Zealand, and Argentina.

Australia and New Zealand imported predators--foxes, ferrets, weasels and stoats--that liked the native birds and animals just as well as they liked rabbits. Australia finally tried biological warfare, infecting bunnies with the virus disease myxomatosis. It proved to be a blessing there but a disaster in France, where an estate owner tried the same method of control. The disease spread rapidly; eliminating a staple of the French rural diet, a major fur and pelt industry, and shooters' prey.

As food, the Japanese introduced during the war giant African snails to several Pacific islands. The ravenous creatures spread from island to island and have resisted all efforts to control them. Scientists are cautiously bringing in the giant's natural enemy, a small cannibal snail.

Not all upsets are man's fault. Several years ago Philippines jungle rats mysteriously tipped their breeding balance. In a frantic search for food, rats devastated large areas of Mindanao Island, threatening 200,000 persons with starvation.

-- From The New York Times

BETSIE BARKS

Hello. How are you? I'm excited!

Christmas is coming! We will have a tree with pretty lights on it and there will be packages under it. Some of the packages will be for the Boss. Some of them will be for other people and some of them will be for me. My packages always smell good and I know which ones are mine. I open them and tear up the paper and ribbons.

The Boss thinks I will be surprised, but I know all about Christmas. It is fun.

I'll write more next time.

Merry Christmas everybody!

Betsie Dinsmore

BARKING AT BETSIE

Dear Betsie,

How are you? I'm very tired--because of you! Oh, I'm that funny fellow who comes to see your Boss with lots of stencils for Tag and lots of ideas--mostly bad stencils and worse ideas.

Now, I have a bone to pick with you. No, it's not the kind of a bone you play with. This is an invisible bone. No, an invisible bone is not one that is chewed. In fact, I don't mean a bone at all. It's just a funny way of talking, of saying one thing and meaning another. An expression, people call it.

I was having a fine time, eating, reading and writing. Then, my Boss--that nice lady I come with--read "Betsie Barks" and suddenly realized that our heavy woolen rug was still rolled up. If you hadn't made her aware of winter and woolen rugs, perhaps she wouldn't have known--anyway, not so soon. But you did! And you know that when a boss is reminded of something, she always gives orders. (And from experience, you and I know that it is best to carry out orders.) So my Boss ordered me to lay the heavy rug. And I didn't even have the assistance of Bob and Bill. I had to move the couch, the chair, the TV set, the curio cabinets, and of all things, the piano. Now I'm so tired! When summer comes, please don't remind my Boss that it's time to roll up the heavy rug.

Goodbye and I hope you have lots of fun during Christmas.

Your friend,

Sam

NEWS CAPSULES

A search party worked its way over the waterlogged ghost ship, Joyita, but found no clues to the fate of her 25 passengers and crew--including an American--who vanished sometime in the past five weeks. Two New Zealand air force flying boats criss crossed over the South Pacific wastes north of Fiji in the hopes of sighting a raft, bodies or survivors of the ship. After Capt. E. L. James, assistant harbor master of Suva, in the Fiji Islands, inspected the drifting hulk of the 70-ton steamer he flashed this message: "The 25 people aboard are gone--we can't explain what has happened to them."

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What leading members of the American Society of Civil Engineers consider to be "the seven modern civil engineering wonders of the United States" were made public. They were listed as follows: Chicago Sewage Disposal System--involving herculean excavation; reversal of the Chicago River. Colorado River Aqueduct--serving sixty-six municipalities in Southern California with 6,000,000 population. Empire State Building, New York--tallest building man has constructed; "Queen of Skyscrapers." Grand Coulee Dam and Columbia River Basin Project, Washington--an irrigation marvel; has world's largest hydro-electric power plant. Hoover Dam, Arizona-Nevada--world's highest; design and construction introduced many conceptions accepted for dams subsequently built. Panama Canal--greatest of geographical surgical operations; of distinguished service to the entire world. San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge--involving the most spectacular foundation job of modern times; gigantic caisson sunk to depth of 242 feet. Colorado River water brought 250 miles, involving part canal, part tunnel, part siphon, traversing desert and mountains.

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A Denver woman bartender was arrested on a charge of selling her twin sons, born out of wedlock, to a wealthy California couple for $50 and her hospital bill. Four weeks after they were born the mother, then Margaret Miller, 32, was married to Ralph Fredrickson. She explained that neither she nor her husband wanted anything to do with the children.

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Ten years ago Col. Gen Sepp Dietrich, of Hitler's elite guard, was also among the elite of war criminals. He was responsible for a number of atrocities on various fronts. He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for his part in the Malmedy massacre of American prisoners during the Battle of the Bulge. Last week Sepp was a free man. He was released from Landsberg prison without explanation. Veterans organizations and other groups were stunned.

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Five Los Angeles Policemen are accused of burglarizing stores while on duty. All resigned immediately from the force and then were jailed on suspicion of burglary. Police Chief William Parker said items seized at some of the policemen's homes included movie projectors, cameras, auto tires, skin-diving equipment, power tools and power lawn mowers.

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An art deal consummated between a "museum director" and Miss Yurika Mann, daughter of Thomas Mann, proved artfully fraudulent when the banks reopened for business the day after the "sale." Miss Mann, a New York gallery owner, had congratulated herself on selling two paintings to such a "distinguished" customer. The sale was made to "a suave gentleman--obviously a connoisseur of paintings." After the bank had refused payment on a $630 check drawn on a nonexistent bank, Miss Mann concluded that the "buyer" had been a convincing impersonator.

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A "Magic-Eye" automatically turns on the lamp at dusk, and off at dawn... each day at a different time. It is plugged into the lamp with the electronic eye facing the window. Nature and science do the rest. The primary purpose of this device is to have the lights desired go on and off when the premises are unoccupied, giving the impression to would-be burglars that the house is inhabited. A secondary use is to have the lights go on at the appropriate time in homes of the blind. The sightless can also ascertain, by feeling the temperature of the light bulb, whether the skies are dark or light.

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The most inspiring get-well message received by President Eisenhower came from Babe Zaharias: "Congratulations from one golfer to another on your excellent recovery from the rough, and here's hoping you have only green fairways from now on." It was more than the words that stirred Ike. It was the knowledge that Babe Zaharias, the greatest woman athlete of the century, was in the "rough" herself with the deadliest opponent of her life--a new pelvic cancer.

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A 23-year-old youth admitted that he had planted a dynamite time-bomb that blew up a United Air Lines DC-6B over Colorado. He had bought $37,500 in vending machine insurance policies on his mother's life before planting the bomb in her luggage. The blast killed her and forty-three others. The six-foot tall father of two small children spent $1.50 on six 25-cent policies minutes before the airliner took off from Denver. The plane was 35 minutes late in taking off, which may have prevented a perfect crime. Instead of exploding over the mountains as cunningly planned, making it appear like the DC-5 which crashed in October, killing 66, the blast occurred within full view of the airport.

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CAN'T TELL BARK FROM BEETHOVEN? - John Spencer Churchill, nephew of Sir Winston and brother-in-law of Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, said he was singing Beethoven, not barking like a dog, while being held in a cell for drunkenness. Constables had charged that Mr. Churchill "made dog noises" and his pretty wife, Kathlyn, meowed like a cat after their arrest on charges of being drunk outside their home in Kensington. In court, the 50-year-old Mr. Churchill, artist by profession, said he actually was singing a dirge from Beethoven's opera "Fidelio" while cooped up in a cell. "When by myself in the cell, it struck me that I was like the character in the second act of "Fidelio," he said. "I did, in fact, lapse into a dirge. I don't know the words very well and my voice is not all that good, and some of the German words might have been interpreted as dog noises." Mrs. Churchill admitted she made "cat noises," but said that was a private way she and her husband have of speaking to each other.

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NO TEST, NO HOUSE - Time for practice, decided fire chief Sparks. An old building was set afire to give the fire laddies a test run. But something happened to phone service in the area and the alarm was late. The old building burned to the ground with no firemen around.

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THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW - Sgt. Thomas Ellis says somebody pried the hasp of his police station locker and took a .38-caliber revolver. Officer P. G. Mcgagrhen says two pair of $12 police trousers, size 38 with his name inside, were either stolen from his locker or from a table outside the traffic room.

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QUIET! - Ernest Stearns noted his was the only home in the neighborhood not looted in the past few days. He posted this sign: "Welcome burglars--please don't damage the premises. The door is unlocked. There's coffee on the stove. Cream in the refrigerator. All my valuables are stored elsewhere. Look all you wish, but please be as quiet as possible. I need my sleep. Thank you."

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DID THEY EAT IT? - Bouquet or brickbat? A letter from the Board of Education thanking Mrs. Eugene Axelrod for a cake has her wondering. Seems she gave the cake to board members for a post-meeting snack. The thank-you letter commends her cooperative spirit--"of which your cake was concrete evidence."

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JUSTICE BEGINS AT HOME - Judge Alex Marks had his own evidence when he fined Leonard Stone $50 and costs for drawing unemployment compensation while holding a job. Stone was a gardener for the judge.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME? - Safety First was cited by a policeman on a charge of driving through a red light. That's the 59-year-old motorist's name--Safety First.

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DRINKS UP AUTO - Eldon Smith was sentenced in Springfield, Ill., to one to two years after he pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of a motor vehicle. He took his nephew's car to Terre Haute, Ind., where he proceeded to drink away his means for transportation. Smith sold the car radio and spent the proceeds for drinks. Drink by drink he sold the battery, the tires and finally the radiator.

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'FARE' SWINDLE - Police have arrested a railway guard who "sold" a train to a group of Bedouins in Egypt's western desert. The newspaper said that for 10 Egyptian pounds ($28) a trip, the guard permitted the Bedouins to act as conductors and collect fares.

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WHO'S TESTING WHOM? - Judge Archibald Cochrane spotted this in a police commission review of IQ tests taken by applicants for police jobs: Q: Correct grammatical errors in the sentence: "I have saw you drive through the red signal." A: "I seen you drive through ..." Examiner's comment: "Correct."

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PUSHED INTO COURT - "The father of our country would be mortified," a traffic judge told George Washington after fining him $50 for reckless driving. Police had told Washington to move his car after a minor traffic collision. He asked for a push, saying his battery was dead. "I gave him a push but he kept on going," Patrolman Gilbert said. "It took me three blocks to catch him."

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HELLO, JUDGE - Justice A. E. Warren paid himself an $11.50 fine for driving on the wrong side of the highway. He said his mind was on a fishing trip and figured motorists who blew their horns and waved as they passed "were just friendly folks"--so he waved back at them.

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THE MISSING LINK - Provincial police in Granby, Canada, have been asked to find an old railway bridge. The 40-foot span, no longer needed by the Canadian Pacific Railway, was sold for scrap to Marcel Guilbert. When he went to dismantle it, neighboring farmers recalled that a group of men took it apart and carted away the steel three years ago.

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SPORTS SHOTS

Leo Durocher may succeed Charley Grimm as manager of the Braves if Milwaukee doesn't get off to a fast start...Clarence W. Miles resigned as president of the Baltimore Orioles; Bill Terry is being mentioned as possible successor...The Phillies signed outfielder Wally Westlake, former Pirate and Indian...Walter Alston, first to bring a world championship to Brooklyn, was voted the National League's manager of the year by members of the Baseball Writers' Assn...Cy Young, one of baseball's great pitchers and member of baseball's Hall of Fame, died at 88...Another loss to baseball was Clark Griffith, one of the great figures in the history of baseball, who passed away at 85...Calvin Griffith, the Senators' new president, announced that Griffith Stadium fences will be pulled in. New barriers will be erected that cut 20 feet off the home-run distance in center and left fields...Joe (Flash) Gordon, former Yankee and Indian second baseman, was appointed first-base coach by the Tigers...The Brothers Walker, Dixie and Harry, will remain with the Cardinal organization as pilots of their upper echelon farm clubs... In a nine-player swap the Red Sox picked up from the Nats veterans Vernon, Porterfield, Schmitz and Umphlett in exchange for obscure youngsters Altheus Lee Curtis, Jr., Dick Brodowski, Truman Clevenger, Neil Chrisley and Karl Olson...Al Kaline, Tigers' outfielder named as the American League's 1955 sophomore, was honored by his home town as Baltimore's outstanding athlete... Sammy White, Red Sox catcher, will join a troupe of entertainers on an Army-sponsored tour of American bases and hospitals in Europe and North Africa... Ty Cobb is being sued for $100,000 by old-time baseballer Elbert D. Felts who was beaten violently by the "Georgia Peach" a year ago...Marine Lt. Wes

Santee, American star miler, was poised to fight a permanent suspension as an amateur athlete which would bar him from the 1956 Olympics because he accepted excessive expense allowances...Brian Hewson, who last May ran a mile in 3:59.8, has been named Britain's athlete of the year...Carmelo Costa is ready to guarantee Sandy Saddler $25,000 to fight him in defense of the world featherweight championship...Toxi Hall of Chicago won a hairline split decision over Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight champion...National Boxing Assn. member states have suspended 88 boxers during the last 45 days due to injuries or poor performance...Donald M. Campbell, the only man to pilot a speed boat more than 200 miles an hour and live, broke his world record by streaking his jet-powered Bluebird over Lake Mead at 216.2 MPH...The death of Jack McGrath in a 100-mile auto race brought to 103 the number of fatalities in the sport in 1955...Vassily Smyslov, the Russian grand master, took undisputed possession of first place in the international chess tournament in Zagreb, Yugoslavia...The United States Olympic Rowing Committee began a drive for $92,000 to send a full rowing team to the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne... Budge Patty of Los Angeles defeated Sweden's Torsten Johansson in the final of the Coupe Canet tennis tournament in Paris...Walter Pettipas of Glasgow, N. S., bagged the largest deer ever taken in this province, weighing 310 pounds, and having 17-point antlers.

MARGINALIA

Governor Meyner of New Jersey escorted Margaret Truman to the Yale-Princeton football game. There have been reports of a romance between the two for the last two years...The door of David Dembry's apartment in New York City is steel-sheathed and secured by seven locks. He opened the door and was seized by detectives of the narcotics squad and booked on charges of possessing 50 ounces of heroin...American men have changed the style of their hats only four times in 200 years..The fifth change may be coming up. The new hat is called a flat top...A new antibiotic claimed to be 10 times more effective than penicillin was described in the British Medical Journal by a Russian scientist...The Marilyn Monroe-Dimaggio marriage, a sensation in 1954, legally came to an end...Barbara Hutton (Woolworth heiress), who has been a princess and a countess, became a baroness when she married Baron Gottfried von Cramm, former German tennis star--her sixth husband...For her sixth husband, Martha Raye (entertainer) chose Al Riddle of the Las Vegas set... Nina Warren (daughter of Chief Justice Warren) was married in Las Vegas... Mrs. Frances Cloyd, "Mrs. America of 1949," for the second time divorced her husband Arthur, 31...Mrs. Ruth Carmichael, 41, wife of "Stardust" composer Hoagy Carmichael, 55, obtained a divorce on testimony that he had been "cold and indifferent" to her for the last three years...A jewelry manufacturer is introducing a divorce ring. Same size as a wedding ring, but jet black, set with seven stones...The incandescent name of Helen Hayes will glow permanently on the marquee of a Broadway playhouse. The owners of the Fulton rededicated it as the Helen Hayes Theatre in honor of Miss Hayes' fiftieth anniversary as an actress...One of Ike's favorite get-well presents is from Emporer Haile

Salassie of Ethiopia. It is a huge topaz ring, supposedly possessed of magic powers to ward off evil...Princess Margaret announced that she had decided not to marry Group Capt. Peter Townsend...In the last five years more than 10,000 American GIs have married Japanese girls in Japan, and in Britain American airmen are marrying British girls at the rate of 250 a month... Three American scientists won the 1955 Nobel prizes in chemistry and physics... The 1955 Nobel Prize for literature was won by an Icelandic novelist, Halldor Kiljay Laxness...A grim hunt by more than 500 policemen ended in the fatal shooting of a man who was believed to have killed a state trooper on the Garden State Parkway... Dr. Arnold Axilrod was found guilty of first-degree manslaughter for strangling a pretty young patient who threatened to expose him as the father of her unborn child. He was sentenced to five to twenty years...The chief of the Federal Children's Bureau proposed to combat the black market in babies by providing unmarried mothers with legal, social and medical aid...The Union of South Africa walked out of the UN, and withdrew its permanent representative. It was in protest against the Special Committee approval of a resolution condemning South Africa for its racial policies... A wealthy Chicago widow asked $500,000 damages from Doctors Hospital because, she charged, her husband was killed when given the wrong drug...A one-piece molded plastic room could be ordered direct from the factory to expand the latest "house of the future" as envisioned by M.I.T...A portable washing machine that can be placed in any sink or wash basin having a drain has been invented...Dale Carnegie, 66, whose book "How To Win Friends and Influence People" brought him fame in 1936, died...Bernard De Voto, 58, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, died of a heart attack...Robert E. Sherwood, noted playwright and author who won four Pulitzer Prizes, died of a heart attack at 59...More than 50,000 seniors took a test in 10,000 high schools that

will lead to college scholarships for 350 eventual winners...A new tranquilizing drug, thorazine, has improved the behavior and IQ of mentally retarded children...Siamese twin girls were born in Wisconsin. The girls are joined at the abdomen, but are normal in all other respects...Japanese police arrested 29 Koreans and Japanese on charges of passing fake U. S. military script and confiscated $570 in bogus $10 military bills. Some $5,320 worth of counterfeit bills have been passed since last spring...An educator said a three-year survey convinced him that, contrary to popular belief, left-handedness positively is not inherited; it is acquired in the first few months of life...Vast clouds of red locusts descended on Cairo, stripping trees and shrubbery in many residential districts. The invasion was the worst in many decades...A drug that has been useful in treatment of high blood pressure, abnormal mental states and some skin diseases was described as an effective treatment for some digestive disorders. The drug is serpasil, a snake-like root that grows in India..Eugene Smith, 23, admitted that he burglarized 3,000 churches in the United States, Mexico, and Canada because "I have a grudge against churches."...The United States and Canada, taking steps to protect their far-flung radar defense system, will construct a fourth radar line down the northeastern Canadian coastline...Lady Nancy Blair, 37, niece of Queen Mother, and cousin of Queen Elizabeth, was seriously ill in a London hospital from an overdose of sleeping pills...A bandit and his woman accomplice robbed the Citizens Bank in Hebron, Ind., of $3,500 after having held the cashier and his wife captive at gunpoint all night...The New York City Council was considering the passage of an anti-jaywalking law which would fine or imprison violators, ranging from a $50 fine to thirty days in jail...The Arctic Institute of North America disclosed that mummified insect specimens, 60,000,000 years old and still in a "fine state of preservation," have been discovered in Alaska.

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AUTUMN FIRES

by

Robert L. Stevenson

In the other gardens
And all up the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The gray smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

"Time and tide wait for no man." Suddenly, here it is Thanksgiving again with Christmas following closely on her heels! Is old Father Time trying to compete with our atomic age and speeding up the seasons? It seems only yesterday that we were untrimming Christmas trees and writing "thank you" notes. There are a thousand things to be done, but somehow we shall all be ready in time, and it is good to look forward to the holidays once more with all the festivities they bring.

Recently, a friend, who knows my weakness for antiques, gave me an old-fashioned coffee mill, the kind our great grandmothers used. It is the type that is placed on a table, and you grind the coffee beans by turning a handle on top. The grounds drop into a small drawer that pulls out from the side.

The coffee mill paints a picture of early America: a steaming iron pot hanging from a crane above an open fire--a Dutch oven heated by the same blaze, guarding secrets of a feast to come--a churn in the corner--a pump handle--. It speaks of Thanksgivings long ago, when it took days to prepare food for the family gatherings. How many Thanksgiving coffee pots were filled from this little mill? How many times did it see the rush of last minute activities--hurrying feet and busy hands? How many stories could it tell of happy reunions? And what of the years when it was unused, unwanted, gathering dust.

Thanksgiving today, more than a hundred years later, there are still hurrying feet and busy hands, though the kitchen is tiny and the table must be set in the living room. The coffee mill occupies a place

of honor on the bookshelves, while commercially ground coffee from a vacuum packed can is used to fill a modern electric percolator. Frozen foods and new devices have speeded up the preparations, but the spirit of Thanksgiving endures. We still have good companionship and the joy of interests shared. We are still grateful for the things that have been given us, for health, for freedom, and for the chance each year to give thanks together.

Annette B. Dinsmore

COMMUTER COW

Take a cow like Grinstead Black Magic, showing off her newborn calf, and it's a sight to stampede the ghosts of cowhands and rangy longhorns clean off the Old Chisholm Trail.

The wobbly legged calf is the size of a full-grown cocker spaniel. The mother cow is only as tall as a Shetland pony. Nevertheless, the pint-sized pair are perfectly normal members of a rare herd of Dexter cattle on a farm off Split Rock Road, Long Island.

The Dexter breed is known as a "house cow" or "poor man's cow" in its native England. In keeping with the population trend and other American factors, the miniature cattle imported to Long Island last year were labeled "commuter cows for cattle-keeping on a small scale."

The original herd bought for Long Island, made up of eight cows and a bull, had increased to eighteen cows and two bulls, and has been split into two herds. One group of twelve cows and a yearling bull is owned jointly by Edward C. Lord of Split Rock Road and Robert Rose of Manhattan. The other herd, six cows and a bull, is owned by Robert Pruyn, whose farm is at Split Rock Road and Northern Boulevard.

Dexter cattle, originally a mountain breed, are extremely hardy and can be kept outside even in the severest weather. They were introduced in England in 1882 from Ireland and are the smallest British breed of cattle. Because they are suitable as milk producers and for beef, they are extremely popular with small landowners in the British Isles.

The Dexters here were selected for meat rather than for milking. It took ten months to move them from England to Long Island through

quarantines and inspections. Six more cows will be started through the maze next month. Mr. Lord is expecting delivery by next spring.

In citing the advantages of the little cattle, Mr. Lord said that he could graze two cows to the acre of pasture with a minimum of winter feeding. They are not choosy in their eating and keep all weeds and thistles grazed down to an even-cropped pasture.

"They are practically self-sufficient," Mr. Lord said. "That is what makes them so ideal for a person who doesn't have the time or money to spend in keeping a larger breed of cow."

Elaborating on the "commuter cow" theme, Mr. Lord said that a Dexter cow would fit into the back of a station wagon. The Dexters are as gentle as house pets.

"A steer will weigh 350 pounds after being butchered," Mr. Lord explained. "Just about the right amount for the average home food freezer."

Although he is not interested in milk cows, Mr. Lord said that the Dexters were excellent milk yielders. The milk is of excellent quality, having a high butter fat content, he reported.

"An unusual thing about Dexter milk is that the fats are in small globule form, while the curd is soft so that the milk is readily digested," he said. "It is almost like having a cow produce homogenized milk,"

Mr. Lord said the steers developed rapidly and were marketable between their second and third years. The flesh is thick with the right amount of fat, he said.

In addition to the Dexters, Mr. Lord--always on the lookout for unusual but functional farm and ranch animals--recently acquired a herd

of sheep that bear no wool but are excellent for mutton production. They are called Wiltshire Horn Sheep, also imported from England.

"The wool-less sheep are naturals for the southern sections of the United States where hot climates make it impractical to raise wool-bearing varieties," Mr. Lord explained. "They can be grazed on marginal land that cannot be farmed and will not support cattle."

--From the New York Times

FANCY WORKS

by

Lillian E. Cunradi

Ever since the era, in the 1930's, of the Merry-Go-Round restaurants in Hollywood and downtown Los Angeles, I've been interested in unusual methods of serving foods to a hungry public.

No, I'm not a restaurant operator; I'm just one of that hungry public. And recently Dollie--my friend and guide--introduced me to "that something different" I am always asking for. It was Dykman's Tempting Foods Coffee Shop a block or so off the Square (Madison's business center).

Having hauled me into the place without undue entanglement with the doors, Dollie inserted me into the space between the first bench and its square-topped pedestal table, and pushed me down when I showed no sign of wanting to sit down on the quite nice bench. The table was the kind that's fastened to the floor; so was the bench. The space between them was narrow and gave one a smothered feeling. The immediate impulse was to push the table away from you, or the bench away from the table. Failing in doing either, you wanted to get out! And I wanted <u>out</u>! And I grumbled to Dollie: "If this is something <u>different</u>, it ain't!"

But it turned out that there were only a few of those tables; the main service was counter-service. As I had it described to me, it consisted of five semi-circular counters scalloping one entire wall of the long, narrow shop. The metal-topped counters were cool woodland-green in color. The comfortable low-backed stools were mottled yellow-green (which Dollie termed chartreuse, and wished she hadn't, because it precipitated an argument about

shades of colors when the waitress wanted our order). Along the base of the counter the footrest was a ledge wide enough to park bags and other impedimenta. Where the points of the counter-scallops met, they did not touch the wall, but left a space for the waitresses to walk along the full length of the wall.

And that wall was the intriguing part of the place--it was completely covered with stainless steel. Along it, at intervals, were shelves for plates of rolls just hot out of the oven, for pies, cakes, etc., (the variety ever changing, within the line of the diner's vision).

The middle of the long wall was the focal point. And the focal point was an opening through which the hot food came from the kitchen on the other side of the wall. The opening was sort of a slit in the wall about four and a half feet from the floor (chest-high for the average height woman). It was a ledge or shelf and, according to Dollie's eye-estimate, ten feet wide (which, after some discussion, we reduced to eight). And it was two feet high; so, you see, it was not a doorway, but more like the shelf of a butler's pantry. Above that slit, fastened to its top like the transom of a door, and opened, or dropped downward, at an angle of 45 degrees was a mirror. The mirror showed to the counter-patrons the dinner plates of hot foods as they were placed on the shelf below by the cooks in the kitchen behind the wall. The food on each plate consisted of the orders of the patrons which had been given the waitress and relayed to the kitchen.

The coffee urn was fastened to the steel wall, and so was the homogenized milk dispenser.

Dollie said my plate of food was the most tempting-looking in the line of plates which slid onto the shelf and reflected in the mirror. On it was a large

serving of chicken-fried beef-steak (tender, and all meat, no framework as with chicken). A mountain of french fried potatoes and a dainty salad (all delicious) filled the big plate. Then there was a hot roll with the best butter, and very good coffee with cream . . . all for seventy-five cents! And it was fun! How many of you have been to that type of restaurant?

BETSIE BARKS

Hello. How are you? I'm fine!

Winter is coming. I know this because of our rugs. We have straw rugs in summer, but nice thick wool ones in winter.

Last week Bill and Bob came. They took away the straw rugs and put down the wool ones, and that's how I know it will be cold soon. I like to roll on the wool rugs. They are soft. Straw is hard.

Bill and Bob work hard and the Boss says I get in their way. They have to move the couch and chairs, and they have to move me, too. I always lie down on the rug in front of them and they say they are going to roll me up in it. But I won't move until Bill throws the ball for me and then I run after it. They work very fast to roll the rug before I get back. Sometimes I beat them and Bill has to throw the ball again. It's a game and they laugh a lot. It is fun. I think they would be sorry if I didn't get in their way.

Bob and Bill bring me dog "yummies." They like me and I like them. "Yummies" are nice, too.

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

Teddy Phoenix, 13, Redding, Conn., was worried because the lights went out in his home. He telephoned his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Phoenix, who were dining out. They said they would come right home. They never reached home. The father was drowned when his car was swept into the Saugatuck River. The mother clung to a tree for three and a half hours. Rescuers almost reached her, but she gave up, was swept away and drowned. A neighbor took Teddy into his house.

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Ex-convict William B. Weldon, 37, was in jail because one of his neighbors is the curious type--and a cop, to boot. Recently Weldon parked a $4,200, 1955 Cadillac outside his home. The neighbor, Patrolman Fred Trauers, spotted the sleek job from his house across the street and got to wondering what such an expensive auto was doing in his modest, middle-class neighborhood. So he checked up. The result: Weldon is being held for grand jury action in the theft of the Cadillac and has admitted stealing 15 other cars since January, 1953.

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The Smithsonian Institution announced that one of its archeologists had discovered big roofless stone houses of the mysterious Dorset people on Walrus Island in the Canadian Arctic. Dr. Henry B. Collins found the dwellings during a side trip from his expedition's main base on Southampton Island last summer. The expedition had been excavating the site on one of the oldest known Dorset settlements.

The Institution said, however, that the houses were so well preserved that they could hardly be more than several hundred years old, and probably were the most recent remains of the civilization ever found.

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A small plane piloted by wealthy playboy Joel W. Thorne crashed into a two-story apartment house, bringing flaming death to himself and two others--one a newly Christened baby. Nine persons were injured, including the infant's parents. Two other children were critically burned. Thorne's plane plummeted out of the overcast less than 12 minutes after taking off from Lockheed Air Terminal in nearby Burbank. The 40-year-old heir to a New York banking fortune was returning alone to his home in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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After a two-month "time out" for new arms, the world's biggest clock started rolling again. The huge clock, with a fifty-foot diameter, has been perched atop the Colgate-Palmolive Company plant in Jersey City, N. J., for thirty-one years. The clock is twice the size of London's famous Big Ben clock. Its minute hand is twenty-seven feet, three inches long and the hour hand is nineteen and one-half feet long.

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Forty well-armed Karen rebels descended on a village school near Thaton in lower Burma and kidnapped sixty schoolgirls. The rebels took the girls, their teacher and the school's principal to their jungle hideout. Seventeen girls, aged 7 and 12, were released later with a note demanding ransom for the others.

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Flocks of migratory birds dashed themselves to death against the Empire State building in the early morning fog. This often happens during fall migrations. This time, from the terrace of the observatory on the eighty-fourth floor, from the various setbacks lower down and in thirty-second Street, the maintenance employes of the building picked up 156 dead birds and two red bats. The bodies were given to the National Audubon Society.

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The wife of a Jersey City detective was held for shooting a 33-year-old divorcee, who she said, was "breaking up my home." Mrs. Margaret Miller, 35, mother of three children, was charged with assault with intent to kill. Her victim, Mrs. Mary Demarest, was in critical condition with two bullet wounds in her chest and one in the left arm. Mrs. Miller is the wife of Detective Raymond Miller, 35, member of the Jersey City police force since 1948. The shooting took place outside their home.

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Twenty-five cars impounded by the Sanitation Department for overtime parking brought $1,285 at auction in the department's impounding yard in Manhattan. The cars were sold because their owners had failed to claim them after thirty days. Fifty bargain hunters attended the auction. A 1952 Chevrolet brought $200--the highest price paid for a single car.

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Zenith Radio Corporation has developed an automatic "waker-upper" for the deaf who cannot hear an alarm clock. It is a seventeen-jewel wrist watch that shakes the deaf person at the appointed time without disturbing other members of the family. The watch can be set like an alarm clock. When it goes off, its special vibrating back awakens through the sense of touch. By day the watch can serve as a handy reminder for appointments.

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Drs. Emil Witschi and C. Y. Young report that they have changed male Xenopus toads into egg-laying females. The two experimenters treated male embryos with estradiol, a female hormone. Thereupon the male toads turned into females. But the eggs of these sex-reversed toads fertilized by normal males develop only into males. To produce a new generation of "mother" toads, Drs. Witschi and Young add a little estradiol to the aquarium water. "The true, genetic females can now be dispensed with," say the experimenters.

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When her estranged husband boasted he was meeting his new love in the cemetery, Mrs. Dovie Green said, she followed him and shot him down among the tombstones as he sprang from the other woman's arms. The other woman escaped in a taxi which arrived at that moment by prior appointment to pick up the graveyard lovers. The outraged wife surrendered to police after two of the five shots she fired wounded her 48-year-old husband. He will recover.

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What may be the world's first golden-colored diamond was exhibited in London at the International Watch and Jewelry Trade Fair. The diamond had been treated at Harwell, Britain's atomic energy research establishment, first by bombarding it with neutrons, then heating it. Why this treatment should have resulted in a change of color is puzzling British scientists.

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TRIVIA

TASTY TRAFFIC JAM - Hungry ants in the San Fernando Valley have been treating themselves to light lunches--traffic lights. They've caused 56 short circuits in six weeks while fattening up on the insulation in wire-connector boxes.

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A FAITHFUL DEMOCRAT - Elizabeth Stevenson Ives, whose grandfather Adlai was defeated in 1908 Illinois gubernatorial election at the age of 73, still enjoys the story of the old farmer who came up to her brother Adlai in the 1948 campaign and asked him about his health. "I been wondern'," he muttered. "Ain't seen you around since I voted for you last time you ran in 1908."

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DOES IT ON KICK- In North Elmham, England, the town's 18th Century clock stopped nine months ago. Experts said the works were beyond repair and said a new clock should be bought, at a cost of 265 pounds. Janitor Sam Yarham was skeptical. Finally he went to the clock tower and found the pendulum was stuck to one side of it. He kicked 'er loose and the clock runs as good as new.

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AND ROSE-COLORED ONES? - Anyone wearing dark glasses is barred from entering Detroit City Council meetings. Councilman Van Antwerp got a ban adopted when he said spectators wearing "big, dark, Hollywood-type glasses" made him uneasy. "Suppose," Van Antwerp said, "one of them shot a councilman or some other citizen. How could he be identified?"

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JUDGING A THIEF - The car of a Frankfurt, Germany, judge specializing on automobile theft cases was stolen. Fellow judges immediately bet it would be returned as soon as the thief learned about the owner's identity. They were right: It was returned the next day.

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APPLE FOR THE TEACHER - A school committee grappling with the problem of hiring sufficient teachers passed out shiny red apples to 21 newcomers. They didn't overlook the superintendent of schools, either. He got a green one.

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CALL OF THE WILD - Bucky, the air-minded deer who has been official greeter at Kinross Airport in Michigan, for the past few years, has disappeared. Bucky made his home at the airport and met all incoming planes. Pilots and crew members gave him lumps of sugar. He also ate rubber bands. Ed Clark, operations manager for Capitol Airlines, said Bucky "may have headed back to the woods to find a little doe of his own."

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WELL, THANKS! - "Virtue is its own reward."--Old Proverb. "It sure is," mused Vearl Valentine. "Unfortunately!" Valentine, driving his milk truck, spotted a brown purse lying on the road. He stopped the truck, opened the purse and found $42,800 neatly wrapped inside. "I never saw so much money in my life," Valentine said. "Thoughts of sunny South America were going through my mind when a flashy car pulled up and this lady got out ..." 'Give me my purse,' she said. When I asked her to prove it was hers, she rattled off the amount of money and told me how it was wrapped. 'Yep, it's yours,' I told her ..."Then she said, 'Well, thanks,' and got into her big car and

moved off." What does Valentine have to show for it now? 'Nothin'," he said.

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THE JUDGE IS FED UP - In his letter of resignation, District Judge Fred Erisman of Kilgare, Texas, said he was quitting an "ulcer-creating, patience-trying, grossly underpaid job."

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WITH RED PLUSH SEATS? - Long standing complaints about what every Russian knows--that there aren't enough movie theaters in the Soviet--are finally getting action. The magazine Literary Gazette reports that the Ministry of Culture plans to spend $286,250,000 during the next four years in building new theaters.

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SIX POUNDS SLIMMER - In Wellington, England, Mrs. Josephine Leahy, 31, admitted in court she had forged a prescription for 320 slimming tablets--to trim her 238 pounds to something more suitable to her five-foot height. She told the judge her doctor prescribed only 60 pills at a time, and she was not getting the desired results. The judge fined her six pounds ($16.80). Mrs. Leahy is now down to 168.

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JOKER GETS THE POINT - Elgin Dell, 32, pleaded guilty to creating a public mischief. Police said someone called and reported, "Someone's been stabbed. Come quickly." Police raced to the address, and found a man on a bed, the handle of a large butcher knife sticking from his chest, his shirt covered with red blotches. When officers approached, the victim sat up. The handle of the knife, stuck in a piece of cardboard inside his shirt, fell to the floor. The stains were catsup.

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'CABBAGE' IN THE BAG IS $6,000 COLD CASH - Mrs. Helen Tomko of Plainview, Long Island, went shopping for cabbage but got too much of the wrong kind. Mrs. Tomko, her daily shopping done, was sitting in a car outside the supermarket waiting for a friend when the manager and two checkout girls rushed up breathlessly. They asked if they could peek into her bag of groceries. She agreed. The manager fished out a little paper bag. It should have contained a head of cabbage Mrs. Tomko had bought. Instead, it contained $6,000 cash, the supermarket's morning receipts.

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ARSENIC--WITHOUT OLD LACE - It all began when Mrs. Helen Sutton went to consult her lawyer about the difficulties she'd been having with her husband, Carl, 51. "You don't look well, Mrs. Sutton," the lawyer told her, according to later court testimony.... "I don't feel too well," she replied. "I've been sick to my stomach all day. Couldn't keep a thing down. Must have been that prune juice. I didn't like the looks of it. Too cloudy." So Mrs. Sutton went home, got the bottle of prune juice, and took it to a chemist. Seventy-five percent of it was arsenic, he told her. Mr. Sutton doesn't mix arsenic any more; he mixes concrete--in jail.

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THE JUDGE HAD A LONG MEMORY - Traffic Judge Elston stopped abruptly, scrutinized the defendant, and demanded: "Was it you or your brother that knocked me down 25 years ago?" The defendant, Charles J.Stich, 47, admitted sheepishly: "It was me, your honor." Stich was in court on a drunken driving charge. Elston ruled the evidence did not support the charge but fined Stich $100 on a public drunkenness count.

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SPORTS SHOTS

America's star heavyweight, Paul Anderson, won the world weight lifting title in Munich with a fabulous world record of 1,130 pounds for the Olympic trialthlon...In a poll taken by Track and Field News, Jesse Owens, winner of Olympic gold medals, was named the greatest of all time...Ken Rosewall and Lew Hoad, Australia's 20-year-old Davis Cup twins, turned their backs on lucrative professional contracts and announced they would remain tennis amateurs...Fred Haney, fired as Pirate manager by Branch Rickey, has cooled off in his rap at the Mahatma, but only to this extent. "You find out too late," he says, "that sometimes your idol has clay feet."...Michigan's Ron Kramer, chief target of Army's bone crushers, may be Ann Arbor's all-time athletic great...Johnny Polzer, Virginia football captain, admits in current issue of Look that he is being paid to play college football...During the Series Ty Cobb said: "If they ever used the defense against me that they use against Ted Williams, they'd never have gotten me out."...Tami Mauriello, former heavyweight contender who has become heavy enough to do it, is considering turning wrestler...A mere $500 made Whitey Ford a Yankee instead of a Giant. The Yanks offered him $7,000, the Giants $6,500...Pete Newell, California basketball coach, predicts the baskets will be raised two feet in a couple of years because it's impossible to stop such as Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell, San Francisco fast giants from scoring...Herman Taylor, banned from promoting in Pennsylvania by Jim Crowley's boxing commission, has shifted his operation from Philadelphia to Camden, N.J...The first one to cool on Leo Durocher on the Giants was Tom Sheehan, president Horace Stoneham's personal scout...The Yanks arrived in two special chartered

airliners to baseball-mad Japan...Any day now Jimmy Foxx, the old slugger of the A's and Red Sox, is due to be named the head coach of baseball at Miami University...Lou Perini, Braves boss, is toying with the idea of changing the Toledo franchise that he owns to San Francisco in the Coast League...All baseball people will be rooting for Ralph Kiner in his new job as general manager of the San Diego Padres...It's now Col. Johnny Podres of the Dodgers. Kentucky Governor Lawrence Weatherby has commissioned the World Series pitching star a Kentucky colonel...Charley Rabe, the leading pitcher in the South Atlantic League, was added to the Cincinnati Redleg's roster...The Baltimore Orioles obtained Fred Besana, a left-handed pitcher, from Vancouver of the Pacific Coast League. They sent Carl Powis, an outfielder, to Vancouver...The Rose Bowl Committee is in trouble with the Internal Revenue Bureau over a penny. The tax experts have ruled out a flat $6 per ticket, and insist the charge must be either $5.99 or $6.01...Montreal Canadiens have a fine prospect in Max Mekilok, 21-year-old center, now with the Cincinnati Mohawks.

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MARGINALIA

The heavy cruiser Boston, this country's first guided-missile ship, will join the fleet in a few weeks...A Milton Eisenhower Club was formed in Washington to promote President Eisenhower's brother for the Republican Presidential nomination next year...Pearl S. Buck, winner of the Nobel prize for literature, was honored with a scroll by other members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom...Government scientists soon will announce the development of a new vaccine that experts believe will prove effective against one of the many viruses linked with the common cold...The State Department has approved visas for four Russian scientists to attend an international conference on the use of antibiotics in agriculture...A new type of refrigerator that can maintain lower temperatures than hitherto reached outside of the laboratory has been developed...Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the French physician, received from Queen Elizabeth the insignia of the Order of Merit...John Hodiak, 41, stage, film actor, died of a heart attack...James Michener, writer, married Miss Mari Yoriko Sabusawa, a Japanese-American woman. She is assistant editor of the American Library Association Bulletin...Clark Gable, movie actor, is going to be a father for the first time, his fifth wife disclosed...Army buried Major Samuel Woodfill near Pershing who called him "the outstanding soldier of World War I."...Sir Winston Churchill will be the first recipient of the Williamsburg Award, the trustees of Colonial Williamsburg announced...The Connecticut Bar Assn. will present a distinguished public service award to Marian Anderson...Durocher's official title at NBC is "Director of Personal Relations"...A strong earth tremor shook Chile...Death of a Russian

UN clerk was ruled suicide...Commercial production of X-ray motion pictures will begin soon. The pictures are valuable particularly in the diagnosis of heart ailments...Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State, said that when the day of hydrogen power arrived, "we shall be able to go to the river, scoop up a can of water, put it in the fuel tank and drive away our car on this form of power."...Seven thousand outraged hot jazz fans rioted at a Louis Armstrong concert in Hamburg because they couldn't hear. They caused $2,500 damages...An electronic composer has been invented. With it, composers can create scores on a piano without stopping to manually record the notes on paper...A woman who sued a bus company because one of its buses passed her up twice received $100 damages...Twenty-six persons to share $1,200,000 from man none knew...100 MPH auto crash killed five teeners chasing another car...Valuable small sculptures that were carried off by two 14-year-old boys from the Brooklyn Museum have been restored... One of the richest men in Sicily died of starvation. Salvatore Aguglia, 80, would not buy enough food because of his frugal habits...The Army developed a small typewriter which writes over fifty languages, while International Business Machines invented one, exclusively for Mrs. Eisenhower, which writes script...A Russian patrol boat seized four Japanese fishing ships with a total of twenty-two crew members in the waters off the Kurile Island chain...A barrage of rotten eggs, vegetables and catcalls drove an actress, favorite of Juan Peron, from the stage of an Argentine theater...Doctor Karl Glauberg, who directed sterilization experiments on women prisoners in German concentration camps, returned from Soviet imprisonment--still proud of his work.

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THE MORNS ARE MEEKER

by

Emily Dickinson

The morns are meeker than they were,
The nuts are getting brown;
The berry's cheek is plumper,
The rose is out of town.

The maple wears a gayer scarf,
The field a scarlet gown.
Lest I should be old-fashioned,
I'll put a trinket on.

MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

At 3:42 p.m. on September 23 (according to the U. S. Weather Bureau!), the summer of 1955 came to an end. Weeks of unprecedented heat and high humidity had been overshadowed by hurricanes whirling in rapid succession up the coast. The disastrous effect of these storms cannot be erased by simply turning a page on the calendar. It can and is being erased, however, through the efforts of people who have learned to work together with courage and determination.

Although the summer may have seemed a failure as far as the weather was concerned, the Workshop for Teachers of Deaf-Blind Children was a great success. In spite of the heat, enthusiasm ran high and the teachers seemed eager to exchange ideas. Among other things, they compared methods of developing speech and language and considered problems of the child just entering school. Everyone expressed a desire to know the parents personally so that children could also be given help at home. The discussions always continued beyond the formal meetings and the teachers were found talking at all hours, unable to drop the subject even during a midnight snack! The interest and cooperation shown there is encouraging to those of us who are concerned with the welfare of deaf-blind children. It was a stimulating experience.

Now we are planning a similar workshop--this time to study the job possibilities for deaf-blind adults, the need for vocational training, and other related topics. One of the most important questions to be considered is how to promote interest throughout the country in the employment of capable deaf-blind men and women. How can we develop a clearer understanding of their abilities so that rehabilitation counselors may have the conviction

necessary to "sell" the employer? At the same time we must analyze the difficulties involved in placing a deaf-blind worker and try to find ways and means of overcoming them. The American Foundation for the Blind will invite a selected group of people in work for the blind from representative sections of the country to participate in the workshop. They will be chosen on the basis of their experience in serving deaf-blind people effectively. This workshop will be held at the Foundation during the week of February 6, 1956.

With this issue, Touch--And Go introduces its new Editor, Mr. Sam Chermak, of New York City. He is a master in the art of writing and has a ready wit that is refreshing. Deaf-blind himself, he is well known to many of our readers and from first-hand knowledge he is in a position to cater to your interests. He will be able to gather news without using items already reported in other braille magazines, avoiding the duplication which has concerned us for some time. The time-consuming labor of selecting material, editing it and preparing copy for brailling and mimeographing will now be turned over to Mr. Chermak and this will release many hours in our office for other pressing duties. Betsie will still "bark" and I will continue inflicting my reports upon you, but the balance of the pages will be placed in our new editor's hands. We are sure that you will welcome him to our family as we do, wishing him the best of success in this undertaking.

Annette B. Dinsmore

HOPES ARE PINNED TO 'SERENDIPITY'

Spokesmen for some of America's greatest corporations pay homage to the phantom word--"serendipity," described in the dictionary as meaning "the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for."

The dyes that give so many colors to the feminine wardrobe, the X-ray that detects a broken bone and the penicillin that fights many diseases are all serendipity's products. True, scientific discoveries are usually discovered through painstaking research.

But sometimes, officials of some of the 3,000 American corporations engaged in research pointed out, a lucky accident, a careless technician or even a gust of wind has revolutionized the art of living.

United States corporations are spending $1,000,000,000 a year in research for new products that will command a public. But they are all alert to serendipity too.

Items such as the telephone, rubber, dramamine for seasickness, and a host of other products came to the forefront because the scientist was not looking for the thing he discovered.

Perhaps one of the prize examples of serendipity was the wind that blew in the seeds of penicillin, one of the greatest medical discoveries of the century. The happy accident took place in 1928 when a bit of mold drifted through the open window of Dr. Alexander Fleming's laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital in London and contaminated one of his plate cultures. The contaminated mold was discovered to possess the ingredients to destroy staphylococci and resulted in the birth of the miracle drug that is credited with having saved thousands of lives.

Another serendipity "miracle" is recalled when a key carelessly tossed upon a photographic plate unlocked the secrets of the X-ray.

It happened when Wilhelm Roentgen turned on a cathode tube with which he was experimenting, unaware that his key was atop an undeveloped photographic plate covered with black paper. A laboratory assistant developed the plate in error and Roentgen saw the outline of the key on the negative--the rays of the cathode tube had penetrated the black paper and the X-ray was born.

The match that disappeared was responsible for the making of paper out of wood, and the development of cheap wrapping paper. It happened soon after the Civil War when Gen. Benjamin Tilgman was stirring a long matchstick in a jar of sulphurous acid. The matchstick broke and the general absentmindedly left it in the jar. Paper pulp was the result.

A similar experience helped Charles Goodyear when a bit of experimental rubber he was showing to a friend luckily dropped on a stove. It was this accident that unlocked the secret of vulcanization that made possible rubber tires, rubber boots, erasers and a host of other valuable things.

The so-called boy prodigy of serendipity was 18-year-old William Perkin, whose experiments a century ago in the attic of his father's house in Scotland called for making synthetic quinine out of coal tar derivatives. All he achieved was a black sticky mass on the bottom of test tubes.

The sticky mass turned out to be the first important artificial dye in history and paved the way for the development of organic chemistry, which in turn gave us such discoveries as the sulfa drugs, aspirin, and atabrine.

The rainbow colors in the feminine wardrobe can be traced directly to Mr. Perkin's accidental discovery with a dye that also put the khaki on Army men, the red on postage stamps and the green on dollar bills.

--From The New York Times

SINNERS REPENT IN OWN GOOD TIME

The Blue Ridge Transportation Company recently received $1 in payment for a five-cent trolley ride taken thirty-six years ago. An unidentified resident of Walnut, N.C., sent the company $1 "to pay for the trolley fare plus interest."

"I lived in Funkstown in 1917 and got on the trolley on the left side; the conductor failed to collect my fare," the repentant passenger wrote. "I was about 10 years old then. Please accept my fare even if it is late. I want to get all my debts paid."

Hundreds of similar letters are written every year by Americans whose souls are troubled by misdeeds of the faraway past. In many cases the writers are the only ones in the world who know about the dishonesty. Yet the repenters finally pay many thousands of dollars to salve their consciences.

Just the other day an envelope containing ten $10 bills arrived at Aborn and Aborn in Linden, N.J. The anonymous note said the $100 was "restitution to offset an indiscretion" committed at the company about thirty years ago. No one at the coffee company knows what the "indiscretion" might have been.

In Noank, Conn., a woman received a $20 bill in the mail. With it came an unsigned note saying: "Conscience money in payment for a watch taken from your room in 1907."

A woman in Detroit put some milk money on her front porch about twenty-five years ago and it disappeared. Recently a man admitted taking the money as a child in order to buy a baseball glove, and explained that now he too had a young son. The woman was so impressed that she left the boy $2,000 in her will.

Movie houses get their share of conscience money, too. A Milwaukee theatre got an anonymous letter saying: "Please accept the enclosed $5 bill. I have gone in the side door a number of times."

An unsigned note to a movie operator in Jonesboro, Ark., declared: "Enclosed you will find $5. When I was a little girl I used to buy balcony tickets and sneak downstairs to the orchestra."

Conscience took the form of two ostrich eggs in Kentucky. A grocer received the eggs with a letter from a man who explained. "I stole two eggs from you five years ago. I hope you will accept these in payment. These are bigger."

On the 25th of March for several years a Schenectady, N. Y., ice cream parlor used to receive a $5 bill from the same anonymous patron.

"I used to court my gal in your store and play her favorite songs on your pianola," he wrote. "I didn't have much money in those days so I used slugs. This is to cover all the money you didn't receive, plus interest. Today is our wedding anniversay."

Uncle Sam is the greatest single recipient of conscience money, taking in $2,000,000 in all. The Treasury Department has received these voluntary payments every year since 1349.

The smallest was 2 cents, from a woman who was troubled because she had once used a two-cent stamp twice. The largest was $30,000, from a man who said he was at last obeying the Biblical injunction to atone for a theft with a fourfold payment.

A minister sent along 15 cents because the money's "rightful ownership cannot be established." A Westerner contributed 40 cents with the confession that as a boy he made four conterfeit dimes and bought hot tamales with them.

However, the strangest twitch of conscience was the one that prompted a Corpus Christi, Tex., man to send a $3.45 check to a gas station. "This is to cover the phony check I gave you in 1937," he said.

--From The New York Times

BETSIE BARKS

Hello. How are you? I'm fine now. I was embarrassed!

The summer was hot. I itched and itched, but it wasn't fleas. I scratched and scratched and that didn't help. Then I had some sore places on my back near my tail and I kept biting them.

The Boss took me to Dr. Kinney and he shaved all the hair off near my tail. It was all bare there and red and sore.

Everybody was surprised and Betty Riley screamed. That hurt my feelings and I hid under the desk—way back. Betty was sorry but I didn't talk to her for two days. I just put my head down and kept my tail between my legs. It's all right now. I still like her and I talk to her.

Every day the Boss put some white stuff on the sore places. My back is not red anymore. Now there is fuzzy hair all over the shaved part and Dr. Kinney says it looks fine.

I know it looks funny. The Boss says I'm pretty, but she just loves me anyway. Maybe the hair will get long again soon. I do like to be pretty. Don't you?

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

President Eisenhower resumed exercising the authority of his office from his hospital bed in Denver. However, despite his remarkable recovery, he will have to remain immobile for some time until his heart strengthens.

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Juan Peron, who prentended to be living a monastic life while he was dictator, amassed millions of dollars in cash and jewels and maintained 14 love nests, government search parties have discovered. But the ex-president, who is said to have cached $2,500,000,000 in Switzerland, was allowed to leave by plane.

The new regime is taking movies of the luxurious love nests. A documentary will be presented in theaters and on television to show the kind of "austere" life its fallen leader lived.

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A reward of $25,000 was offered for information leading to the conviction of the murderer or murderers of Serge Rubinstein, who was found strangled in a bedroom of his home on the morning of Jan. 27. The reward was offered by Mrs. Stella Rubinstein, mother of the financier, and Edward J. Ennis, a lawyer, co-executors of the estate, which is estimated to be in excess of $1,000,000. The attorney said the reward "is to induce anyone with undisclosed information to help solve this brutal killing and because more than six months has elapsed without a solution."

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Immunization by a single shot of improved Salk vaccine--the shot to be less than a cubic centimeter-- was envisioned by Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

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A 16-year-old farm boy has admitted shooting his foster father to death and using his knee to choke the life out of his foster mother.

Hours after the slayings, Kenneth Bowman stuffed their bodies into the family car, smashed it into a ditch and set it afire to make their deaths look accidental, the prosecutor reported. The bodies of his parents, Harold Bowman, 49, a farmer, and Maybelle Bowman, 46, of near West Alexandria, were found early Sunday morning.

Police first marked the case as a double automobile fatality. Kenneth had told the officials his mother was driving his ailing father to a hospital. She lost control of the car and it crashed into the ditch. Kenneth had burns on his body. The coroner ruled the Bowmans had died accidentally in the auto wreck and blaze.

Suspicion arose in the fire marshal's office. Autopsies were ordered. The Bowmans' bodies were dug from their graves. Kenneth was charged with arson and murder. He became remorseful and sobbed: "I loved my mommy and daddy."

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Mrs. Betty Roberts, who was left $1,000,000 by her sister, the late Mrs. Agnes Momand of Park Ave., is contesting a suit by her mother, Mrs. Wilhemina Van Etten, 102, of Detroit, to set aside the will. The mother, who claims to be living on municipal charity in a convalescent home, says Mrs. Momand, who was married six times, was not of sound mind.

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The South Korean Army is fixing to fire 10 high-ranking officers who keep concubines. Part of a purification drive to enlist the "support, affection and confidence" of the people.

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The Magistrates Court in Bristol, England, refused to permit Sylvia Carter, 19, a shopgirl, to marry a 41-year-old carnival dwarf who bills himself as the world's smallest magician.

The court acted on the appeal of the girl's parents who objected to the marriage of their 5 foot-6 daughter to the 3 foot-6 Gwyn Rees. A girl must be 21 to marry without parents' permission in England. Miss Carter said she still loved Rees "for what he is--a thoroughly decent and nice person." She said she would wait until she is 21 so they can get married.

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Attorney General Brownell was urged to order an FBI investigation into the mysterious disappearance of two Negro witnesses in the Aug. 28 murder of 14-year-old Emmett Louis Till, near Money, Mississippi.

Widespread reports that both men have been killed are circulating in the Negro Delta community. The demand for an investigation was made by A. Philip Randolph, international president of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Meanwhile, Roy Bryant, 24, and his half-brother, J. W. Milam, 36, were freed in $10,000 bail each at Greenwood, Miss. to await grand jury action Nov. 7 on charges of kidnaping young Till. They had been acquitted of his murder.

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A jury awarded $100,000 damages to Salvatore Lavanco, 13, son of a laborer who sued the city after the boy suffered an eye injury while playing "cops and robbers" at a playground in New York City. The child was playing with a pointed stick in the playground near his home and slipped on a frozen surface. The stick penetrated his right eye, injuring his optic nerve and causing him to suffer partial loss of vision.

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A famous aristocratic couple of France are leaving three children, renouncing titles, fortune and 35 years of marriage to enter holy orders.

The 63-year-old Marquis Melchior De Vogue, general manager of one of France's biggest banks and his wife, the Marquise Genevieve, 58, will leave their chateau, probably never to see each other again. The Marquis will enter the Benedictine monastery in Central France. There he will perform menial tasks. The Marquise will begin her novitiate with the Order of the Little Sisters of the Assumption in Paris. The sisters visit the poorest homes of the capital, tending the sick, comforting the dying, and cooking for the hungry.

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Death sentences for narcotics smugglers and some peddlers were advocated by the chairman of a Senate investigating subcommittee. Senator Price Daniel, Democrat of Texas, said he would urge the panel to include such a recommendation in its report to the full Judiciary Committee. The maximum penalty for violation of Federal narcotics laws is now twenty years on each count.

Mr. Daniel made the proposal as Barney Ross, former prizefighter, gave the subcommittee a dramatic blow-by-blow account of his four-year bout with morphine.

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James Dean, the spectacular young movie star who had been forbidden to indulge his sports car craze while working on a film, died after a head-on auto crash. He had finished his role in "Giant" just one week ago. News of the 24-year-old star's death cast a pall over Hollywood. At Warner Bros., a spokesman said "everyone's still too shocked" to offer a formal statement.

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TRIVIA

HO-HUM - Ismau Kano, 30, arrested with a bag of loot today, explained to police: "You wouldn't have caught me except that everyone was sleeping so peacefully in that house that, after I finished my burglary work, I took a little nap, too. I didn't wake up until it was bright day." What did Kano do first thing in jail? Fall asleep.

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CASTING - A TV magazine polled its readers in behalf of Liberace (popular entertainer), to learn which American girl they would like to see him marry. Their choice was Margaret Truman. When Miss Truman was asked for comment, she replied: "No, thank you. One pianist in the family is enough."

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CRETE 'KIDS' ELOPE- Crete is famous for its rugged romances. This time Emmanuel Pagheris kidnapped Pelaghia Syriakaki and sped away to a neighboring village, where a priest pronounced the nuptial blessing. The bride is 75 years old, the bridegroom 65.

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A GEM OF A MISTAKE - A Kenya gem, more brilliant than a diamond but worth only $50, has been stolen from the Franklin Institute. Institute officials suspect that the thief cannot read. A card in the glass case broken open by the thief plainly states that Kenya gems are synthetic.

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WIVES ON INSTALMENT PLAN - The sale of wives on the time payment plan may return to Eastern Nigeria. A government committee investigating current prices paid to parents for brides has recommended a price freeze of $84

to be paid in instalments. The committee recommended rationing, too--one wife. The marriage mart of this British colony has been inflated since World War II by soldiers loaded with mustering out pay.

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LOGICAL ANSWER - Roy Masters, an English diamond cutter, reports he had language difficulty when he reached the United States. In London they call the subway the underground. When he reached New York, whenever he asked how to get underground, the answer was always, "Drop Dead!"

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JUST PLAIN BILL - Basil John Papahronis, 27, has petitioned District Court to change his name to William John Papahronis. "Everyone has been calling me 'Bill' for years," he explained.

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REVOLT OF THE WORM - An enraged taxpayer was under arrest today after beating up an income tax official. The official, whose name was not disclosed, told police the man came into his office with a tax query, started an argument, hit him six times as he sat at his desk, pulled him upright and hit him again, flung him from filing cabinet to filing cabinet, hurled him to the floor and began kicking him.

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BOOK DEPARTMENT - A lady who was in Santa Monica public library paused to inspect the fiction shelves and picked up a copy of William Saroyan's "The Human Comedy." She heard a voice behind her say, "That's a d--- good book." She turned -- and saw the author, Saroyan.

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FROG KEEPS PIGS THIN - C. J. Bagget blames a big bullfrog in his farm pond for keeping his pigs thin. He says they haven't been able to put on any weight because "that blamed bullfrog gives out with a bellow and the pigs think it's someone calling them to eat. They're running all the fat off their bones answering his call."

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FOLLOW HIS NOSE - When Alcohol Tax Unit Officer Woverton smelled burning onions his suspicions were aroused. He followed his nose and, sure enough, found a still going full blast while the onions were being burned to conceal the fumes.

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VIN ORDINAIRE - French paupers are to get a quart of wine free every week for six months as part of the government's campaign to get rid of a worrisome surplus. A committee of cabinet ministers decided on the measure. The wine will be distributed every week between Nov. 1, 1955, and April 30, 1956.

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FACES WERE RED- There was a fire in the Fire Marshal's office today. Highly inflammable paper and firecrackers, seized for safekeeping, touched off an explosion that wrecked Marshal William Eckles' office in fire headquarters.

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THAT VICIOUS CYCLE - In Mexico City, traffic authorities have said they are seizing about thirty bicycles a day in a campaign against reckless cycling.

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A CLUB MEMBER, TOO! - Prisoners are bravely carrying on here despite the disquieting knowledge that one of them has been caught stealing. Warden Teets said an inmate stole $103 from a guard and fled into a crowd of prisoners. He was sought out, arrested and now faces first-degree robbery charges.

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WHO'LL HAVE LAST LAUGH? - L. M. Greenwood, a plumber, says the city owes him $2.35 for half an hour he lost when one of his trucks was blocked by a city refuse vehicle. "The city truck was parked squarely in the center of the street while the driver read comic books," he complained.

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THEY WON'T BE MISSED - Among the articles displayed for auction as unclaimed merchandise at the Chicago Post Office were 30 pounds of feathers, 50 pounds of lovebird seed and 60 Liberace charm bracelets.

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YOU THINK YOU GOT TROUBLE? - There's a sculptor in Pietrasanta, Italy, who has a problem: Tomasi has been sweating over a gigantic white marble statue for lo, these many months. The job is so big--you see, this thing is taller than Miss Liberty--that Tomasi had to put on a special night shift of stone carvers to push it along. The problem is this: It is a statue of Evita Peron, a memorial. It was ordered by Mr. Peron, who is suddenly in no position to accept delivery.

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SPORTS SHOTS

Yanks bow to Dodgers in 7th game of World Series...Durocher quits baseball; Rigney to take his place...Kiner retires at 32, due to sore back... A poll by the Sporting News indicated that six members of baseball's playing rules committee are against the legalization of the spitball. Among them are Hank Greenberg, Joe Cronin and Bill Terry...The Red Sox did not claim Sal Maglie after the Giants asked waivers because, "Pinky Higgins thinks his pitching staff is good enough as it is," according to general manager Cronin...The Reds thought so much of rookie infielder Milt Smith, they signed him for next season.

The White Sox's Connie Johnson worked as a tombstone cutter when he was 15...Cleveland's Bobby Avila wears glasses at the movies, but refuses to wear them on the field...Sal Maglie would not fly with the Giants, but he does with the Indians...Pee Wee Reese, Duke Snider, Carl Furillo and Gil Hodges have joined an investment syndicate called "The Flock"...Billy Klaus of the Red Sox is the darling of Boston fandom, but without their knowing it he may have been the cause of the Braves shifting to Milwaukee. In February, 1953, Branch Rickey offered Ralph Kiner to the Braves, who were prepared to give Sid Gordon, Earl Torgeson and cash for Kiner. Rickey asked that Klaus be included as a throw-in. That broke up the deal, but if Kiner had come to Boston, the Braves might have kept their franchise there at least another season.

Jackie Robinson, Jr., uses a Duke Snider model bat and glove and not his pop's...Phil Rizzuto, who has three girls, hopes his next child, which is due in December, is a boy.

On September 21, after being knocked cold in the second round, Rocky Marciano came back to K.O. Moore in the ninth...Former heavyweight champ Jimmy Braddock soon will be licensed to referee in New York State... Billy Graham, former welterweight contender, has sold his home in Springfield Gardens and gone to work as a public relations man for a distillery. The WABD studio wrestling show attracted 1,500 letters requesting tickets for the first Monday after the opening Thursday show. The studio audience is limited to 200.

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MARGINALIA

The United States has protested to the Soviet Union over the detention at pistol point of Representative Holt of California and his diplomatic escort for an hour while on an excursion in a Moscow suburb...Touring Russians taking home capitalistic luxuries...Chancellor Adenauer pressed hope for establishment of "normal and good relations between Germany and the Soviet Union" as he arrived by plane in Moscow for negotiations that could prove a turning point in history...Singapore and the Federation of Malaya offered amnesty in a bid to end the Communist rebellion, now in progress almost eight years...The poisoned milk scandal in Japan was reported to have reached a total of nearly 60 infants killed and almost 6,000 others poisoned...Seven Soviet journalists have received American visas for a tour of the U. S...United States planes will attempt landing at South Pole...An elderly New York woman who died in Savannah, Ga., as a recluse on a $60-a-month Social Security pension left an estimated total of $150,000 in cash and valuables...Three die, 30 miss death in Coast air crash. Mrs. Frances F. Cobb has filed suit for divorce against Ty Cobb, charging mental cruelty...The Federal Office of Education estimated that 39,557,000 students would be enrolled in the nation's schools this fall...Production of 8,000,000 cars this year is forecast... A newly published medical study states that men who smoke regularly run a 40 percent greater risk of dying of coronary heart disease than do non-smokers...Grandma Moses, who will celebrate her ninety-fifth birthday, plans to "sit quiet and think and remember and imagine" after it's over to get new ideas for her paintings...Eighty-six passengers and a crew of six who arrived at New York International Airport from San Juan, P. R., received precautionary smallpox inoculations because a rash had been found on a child on the plane.

A speedboat, of Beach Haven, N.J., operated by a 15-year-old boy, rammed and sank a rowboat, spilling the smaller craft's six occupants into the water and injuring three of them. Near-by boats quickly pulled all six to safety...Paul Muni's condition was reported "satisfactory" at Mount Sinai hospital where his left eye was removed because of a tumor. The vision of the actor's right eye was reported as being "normal." Muni left the Broadway hit "Inherit the Wind" August 29 because of failing vision...Nefauver is in New Delhi for conferences with U. S. and Indian officials...Bingo legal in N.Y.C. if cops OK method...As its own answer to "Nervous Nellies" in the ranks of business, the Ford Motor Co. will spend $500 million in 1956 for expansion...Jamestown, site of the first permanent English settlement in America, is to have new permanency as a national shrine...Eddie Fisher, singer, married Debbie Reynolds... "Life imprisonment" for former Admiral Erich Raeder of the German Navy turned out to be somewhat less than 10 years. Raeder, 79, was released from Spandau Prison. The reason for the decision by the Big Four powers: his advanced age and ailing condition...A former tenant was booked on a vagrancy charge and held for questioning in a Coney Island rooming house fire that cost five lives...An arrest warrant was issued for a phony minister who performed illegal marriages for 13 unsuspecting couples... A clergyman just back from a tour of Europe said that Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty was living in retirement in Communist Hungary...A young soldier from Fort Monmouth was held as the suspected prowler who broke into 60 homes and assaulted 12 women in recent months...Use of artificially-enriched foods over a long period may be dangerous, two French scientists assert...There was a happy ending to a California kidnap story that had shocked the nation. Robert Marcus was surrendered to his parents by a woman who could not have a baby of her own.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU

* HELEN KELLER *

ON YOUR 75TH BIRTHDAY

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FROM

* "TOUCH--AND GO" *

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(An excerpt from an article appearing in the June 1955 issue of The New Outlook for the Blind, by M. Robert Barnett, Executive Director, American Foundation for the Blind and American Foundation for Overseas Blind.)

HELEN KELLER--

The Heart of the Foundations

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"Helen Keller has been helping to guide the affairs of the American Foundation for the Blind for about thirty years. She has been directly in the policy-making picture of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind since it succeeded the old American Braille Press shortly after World War II. In a sense, her role is difficult to explain, and may even at times be difficult for her to perform. She is neither board member nor staff member; she is not an officer of the corporations; not a supervisor or director of programs; not an editor of any publication. She is more like all of these things rolled into one, recognized with respect by officer and employee alike.

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"One might want to know just how she works--that is, work in the sense of relationship with us at the office. Her habit, when not

absent from New York on an extended field trip, is to come to the office on an average of about twice a month, using as headquarters either the office of the executive director or the delightful conference room which bears her name. She will receive in conference anyone of us whose presence is required for information or instruction. Report by report, letter by letter, or question by question, she "hears" the problems through the expert communication of Miss Polly Thomson. Incidentally, I cannot help but say that this is a woman almost as remarkable as Miss Keller herself. Sometimes Miss Thomson can assist the staff in making decisions if the matter concerns something a little more of personal concern in her and Miss Keller's life. More often Miss Thomson transmits the problems to Miss Keller and Miss Keller speaks aloud her decision almost before the transmittal is completed. As I reflect, I have noted that those who can see Miss Keller also usually know her opinion by her very expressive face before she has spoken. While I cannot see her face, there is unmistakable evidence of her reactions through her very movements in her chair.

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"To say that I have considered it a privilege as well as a serious responsibility to advise and be advised by Helen Keller would be a gross understatement. Even when the influence of her opinion may have set aside my own, it has never rankled. Few men will have had the opportunity that I have had to learn from her, and to grow with her subtle yet forceful association. . .Even more, she is and ever will be the very heart of the Foundations."

How softly runs the afternoon
Beneath the billowy clouds of June.

--Charles Hanson Towne

Scheduled events, anniversaries and other noteworthy dates of this month:

1 - National Ragweed Control Month.
- 1812: President Madison told Congress that Great Britain was "in a state of war" with the United States.

2 - 1953: Elizabeth II crowned Queen of England.

3 - 1937: The Duke of Windsor married Wallis Warfield Simpson.

5 - 1947: Secretary of State George C. Marshall announced the Marshall Plan for the economic revival of Europe.

6 - 1944: D-Day for Operation Overlord. Allied troops landed in Normandy to begin the great invasion of Europe.

7 - 1955: President Eisenhower delivered a commencement address at the fortieth reunion of his class at the United States Military Academy.

11 - 1776: The Continental Congress appointed a committee of five men: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston, to draft the Declaration of Independence.

14 - Flag Day: The Stars and Stripes became our national emblem in 1777.

17 - 1954: The Army-McCarthy hearings ended after thirty-six days of televised testimony.
- 1775: The Battle of Bunker Hill.

19 - Father's Day.

21 - Summer begins at 11:32 p.m., EST. The longest day and the shortest night of the year: 15 hours and 6 minutes daylight.

25 - 1876: General George A. Custer and 265 men of the Seventh Cavalry were slaughtered to a man by Sioux Indians under Sitting Bull in the Battle of Little Big Horn, Montana.
- 1950: Start of Korean War.

26 - 1955: Tenth anniversary of the United Nations.

27 - 1955: 75th birthday of the beloved and acclaimed Helen Keller celebrated by people all over the world.

MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

June is the month of anticipation. It holds the promise of leisurely weeks ahead, warm sunshine, relaxation, the possibility of new adventures, and relief from the pressures inherent in the other three seasons. Children look forward to the summer with a joyous sense of freedom from the classroom, while confident young graduates go out to conquer the world. The bride is caught up in the glamour of her new life--a dream to be lived happily ever after.

Our thoughts turn to the deaf-blind children who are home with their families after nine months away at school. It seems probable that even those who have yet no words to express their thoughts must sense the excitement of vacation-time at hand.

It is encouraging to know that educators generally are taking an increasing interest in developing opportunities for deaf-blind children, with emphasis upon the necessity for studying individual differences. Recently, a well-known psychologist with years of experience was invited to Perkins Institution to evaluate a number of deaf-blind children through clinical diagnosis. Plans for similar research are being developed in Michigan and in other parts of the country. At the same time, facilities for teacher-training are being expanded and a new department for the deaf-blind has already been started in Alabama. All this means that more children will be in school within the next few years!

During the last week in June the Foundation is sponsoring a "Workshop" for teachers of deaf-blind children, in Hartford, Connecticut. Seven teachers, one from each school with a special department for

deaf-blind children, will be brought together to exchange ideas and discuss methods of instruction. The Workshop should prove to be of great value to them and others in the profession.

This June, the Foundation has one of its own staff members returning "home" after a year of study at the Iowa School for the Deaf. Her name is Marian Weller, a young psychologist, who will now be working in our Department of Services for the Deaf-Blind. Her months in Iowa have given her an understanding of how deaf and deaf-blind children are taught and this knowledge will help her in her new job--developing tests for deaf-blind children and methods of evaluation. She will work closely with teachers, doctors and psychologists throughout the country, as well as with workers of all kinds who are serving these children. She is enthusiastic and eager to start the program. Together, Marian Weller and Betty Riley will be able to assume the major share of the Foundation's responsibility for deaf-blind children and all of us are cheering them on to success in their new venture.

Betsie and I will spend a week in Quebec at the Convention of the American Association of Workers for the Blind and then join the Workshop in Hartford. We will report to you on both experiences in the October issue. In the meantime, we hope that you have a happy, restful summer.

Annette B. Dinsmore

THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR WOMAN

Miss Liberty is sixty-nine years old but she's more attractive now than she ever was.

You come up through the Narrows past a silent city wrapped in a pre-dawn haze. Standing against the ship's rail, you can hear the water slapping against the side. Your eyes strain to pierce the fog that comes before the sunlight.

Suddenly there she is. A dream before, she's real now--almost breathing, it seems. Miss Liberty!

How many Americans who were once immigrants have experienced this thrill? Millions since she came from France to preside over New York Harbor in 1886. And millions of native Americans share the same emotion as they view the famous lady from an incoming liner or ferryboat.

Towering more than 300 feet above the water, she symbolizes the figure of liberty stepping away from the broken shackles of tyranny, which lie at her feet. In her right hand she holds the torch of freedom and in her left is a tablet inscribed with the date, July 4, 1776.

--From the New York Daily News

THE SOAPBOX DERBY

by

Burnie Devine

To most Americans, the Decoration Day dizzy-drive, the five-hundred-mile race at Indianapolis, is the most important auto meet of the year--but not to the youngsters of Ohio, especially those of Dayton and Akron.

To them, for the past twenty-five years, the Soapbox Derby, sponsored by the Boy and Girl Scouts, is the year's all-important race. These pint-size daredevils of the race track, encouraged and aided by local Scout organizations, work all year indefatigably in barns, basements, bedrooms--wherever space and mothers permit--building, testing and improving their cars. Some of their models are as futuristic as Tom Corbett's TV space ships, while others are as simple as a Proctor & Gamble soapbox, of which many are made.

When the qualified entrants (average age, nine) line up for the start of the climactic Derby which is held at Dayton's Wright Air Field, their small faces show as much--if not more--dogged determination as their big brothers' at Indianapolis. And just like at Indianapolis, but on a vastly reduced scale, of course, the officials expect, and are prepared for, mishaps after the starting gun is fired which sends the cars rolling down the half-mile incline. At the finish line, gravity and skill enable some of the cars to hit sixty miles per hour.

Although it is from start to finish a small fry extravaganza, pop- and popcorn-selling, band-playing, bouncing, this project cannot,

by any means, be called kid stuff. The Soapbox Derby attracts more than sixty thousand ticket-buying adults and the grand prize is a brand new Chevrolet.

The Derby, besides teaching these below-teen-agers how to build things and handle tools deftly, has a more important aspect: it instills in these youngsters the principle of fair competition; how to lose with a smile and win with humility.

If more cities held soapbox derbies, they would have fewer delinquents today, and more upright citizens tomorrow.

LIFE IN THE A-BOMB TOWN

Atomic explosions are no novelty to government workers who live at Mercury, Nevada. This specially built town, which houses scientists, engineers and technicians who work on the preparation for atomic blasts, has experienced more than thirty of such explosions already.

It is the only settlement on the Atomic Energy Commission's 640-square-mile Nevada test site and was built at a cost of about $10,000,000.

Its population fluctuates. The exact number of the town's inhabitants is secret, but it ranges from a low of about 100 to more than 2,000. The increase is due to the arrival of additional workers as a test day draws near.

On the day of an explosion, a few workers may get up to look at the flash, but many sleep right through the blast. There are no families and no schools. Men and women, including married couples, sleep in separate dormitories. There are no special quarters. The workers are fed at cafeterias and find amusement in a recreation hall or at nightly movies.

Buildings are painted apple green and are insulated against winter's freezing weather and summer's searing heat, when the thermometer may soar to 115 degrees.

Although the workers are constantly reminded against loose talk about their jobs and visitors are carefully screened, few if any of the town's populace know any real atom secrets. Mercury is just the assembly point for the bombs and test equipment used in experimental blasts.

--From the New York Daily News

DOLLS, DIVERSION, AND DOLLARS

by

Cora Frisbee

During the summer months, many of us while away time making handicrafts and accumulating an inventory for Christmas selling. I have improvised an item, a luxurious doll bed, which, I think, will be of interest, especially to those who are handy with a needle and thread.

My fit-for-a-Lilliputian-queen bed is fun to make and easy to sell. Since the construction and design of these beds depend on the odds and ends you can scrape together, I cannot be too specific; but, I'm sure, you will understand the general idea, and be able to turn out artistic and unusual doll beds.

Find a strong, oblong cardboard box--a shoe box is ideal. Cut down the long sides to the height of two inches, leaving the front and back strips of the cover and place the cover carefully on the cut-down box. The base should now appear as a firm and neatly closed two-inch-high box. This is the box-spring of a Hollywood-style bed. Cut down the front wall to half the height of the back wall, establishing the foot and headboards. Embellish them by cutting off the corners or arching or pyramiding the tops. Be sure that the embellishment on both boards is exactly alike in every respect.

Stretch a piece of pretty cloth tautly around the base or box-spring and sew seam at the bottom. Using same cloth, make a mattress cover to fit box-spring perfectly. Fill with kapok, foam rubber, a piece of thick mat--anything that will make the mattress appear firm and uniform. Glue a uniform layer of absorbent cotton or a piece of

felt from an old hat onto the fronts of the foot and headboards, making sure to trim edges neatly. Cover both sides of the boards with velvet or opaque plastic and stitch the seams around the absolute edges of the boards using a heavy needle to go through the cardboard.

Make the stitching take on an embroidered effect. Make four legs from small, empty thread spools, covered firmly with cloth or plastic and glue or sew to the corners of the box-spring. Instead of spools, you can use the cardboard tubes from rolls of toilet tissue, cut down to the desired size, or legs from old toy furniture could be used without cloth covering them, if they are in good condition. Make pillows, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, out of discarded clothes--nylon for sheets and pillow cases, flannel for blankets, etc. Beautify the bed covers with applique, embroidery, lace, or ribbons; but be sure to avoid tawdriness.

Dress an inexpensive doll of right size in nighties and place in bed. If your work is neat and the design ornate, any prospective customer with an esthetic eye would fall in love with your doll set and part with a five-dollar bill.

SPORT SPOTS

by

Louis Bettica

THE 500-MILE INDIANAPOLIS AUTO RACE

Indianapolis, Indiana, May 30 - Bill Vukovich, America's foremost auto racing driver and winner of the 1953 and 1954 Indianapolis races, was killed today in the thirty-ninth 500-mile classic at the Indianapolis Speedway. Vukovich plowed into a four car tangle in the back stretch at the 140 mile mark. None of the other drivers was seriously hurt. Bob Sweekert, a local boy, was the winner of the race at an average speed of 128 miles per hour. The winner received almost $100,000 in prizes while approximately 175,000 persons witnessed the tragedy.

THIS ALSO HAPPENED

May 9 - Brooklyn Dodgers defeated Chicago Cubs 3-0 behind Don Newcombe's one hitter. The only man to get on base was tagged out as he tried to steal second and big Don pitched the best game of his career facing only 27 men.

May 12, Chicago - Sam (Toothpick) Jones pitched the first no-hit game for the Chicago Cubs since 1915, defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-0.

May 13 - Bad news for pitchers on seven American League teams: Ted Williams signed up with the Boston Red Sox.

May 15 - The Philadelphia Phillies finally snapped their losing streak at 13, just one short of the all-time record for Philadelphia, by defeating the Braves 9-1 behind Robin Roberts in the second game of a doubleheader.

May 21, Hollywood, California - Rex C. Ellsworth's el Drag set a new world's record of 2 minutes, 20 seconds, for seven furlongs at Hollywood Park winning $15,000 for Ellsworth who is the man who just won the Kentucky Derby purse.

May 22, St. Andrews, Scotland - U. S. amateur golfers retained the Walker Cup by winning six of eight single matches to complete a 10-2 triumph over England. Britain and the United States have played against each other in fifteen Walker Cup tournaments with the Americans winning fourteen.

May 26, Monza, Italy - Alberto Ascari, 37, one of the world's top racing stars, was killed when he crashed during a trial run for the Italian championship. Ascari was the world's champion during the 1952-53 season. His father was killed during the Grand Prix of Europe in 1925.

May 28, London, England - For the first time in track history, three runners completed a mile race under four minutes. Lanzio Tabori of Hungary won in the fast time of 3 minutes, 59 seconds, followed by Chris Chataway and Brian Hewson of England coming under the wire in 3 minutes, 59.8 seconds. Only two men have run faster miles and they are John Lundy of Australia, who did the mile in 3 minutes, 58 seconds, on June 21, 1954, and Roger Bannister of England, who ran the mile in 3 minutes, 58.8 seconds, on August 7, 1954.

May 29 - St. Louis Cardinals fired their manager, Eddie Stanky, and hired Harry Walker, who formerly managed Rochester.

May 30, London, England - Sandor Iharas of Hungary ran the two miles in the world record-breaking speed of 8 minutes, 33.4 seconds, before a wildly cheering crowd of over 50,000 people who watched the British games at White Stadium. This beats the old record of 8 minutes, 40.8 seconds, set by Guston Reiff of Belgium in 1952.

Standings of Major League Clubs - June 13, 1955

National League	Won	Lost	Games Behind
Brooklyn	43	13	
Chicago	33	24	10½
New York	29	27	14
Milwaukee	28	27	14½
Philadelphia	23	30	18½
St. Louis	22	30	19
Cincinnati	21	29	19
Pittsburgh	18	37	24½

American League	Won	Lost	Games Behind
New York	38	20	
Chicago	32	19	2½
Cleveland	33	22	3½
Detroit	30	24	6
Boston	25	31	12
Washington	22	32	14
Kansas City	22	34	15
Baltimore	18	38	19

(ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION: There are 60 feet and 6 inches between the pitcher's mound and home plate and 90 feet between the bases.)

BETSIE BARKS

Hello. How are you? I'm fine!

Do you know Kay Vindemore? I do.

Every month the Boss and I go to a meeting. It is the Pilot Club of New York. Kay Vindemore is a "Pilot." The Boss is a "Pilot," too. I am the mascot. That means for luck.

I don't understand about the Pilot Club. All they do is eat and talk. Everybody eats and everybody talks. They say I'm pretty and pat my head. Some of them peek at me under the table and I wag my tail.

Sometimes Kay Vindemore walks home with us. She is short and a little fat, but don't tell her I said so. Kay talks, too, and she has a happy face. She laughs a lot. I like her.

One night we went to the meeting. I put my chin on Kay's foot under the table. She gave me a big piece of meat. It was good! I was careful and didn't move much when I took it, so the Boss never knew!

Kay Vindemore writes for "Tag"--but you know about that.

The Boss says radio stars sign off for the summer. I am signing off now.

Goodbye. See you in October!

Thank you.

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

by

Kay Vindemore

A $100,000,000 "Palace of Progress" is planned to rise on the site and above the street floor of New York's Pennsylvania Station. It will contain 154,000,000 cubic feet of space and be the world's largest structure. It will house a permanent world's fair--the mightiest showcase in history for products and services of business and enterprise. Scheduled to open in 1958, it will be an international merchandising mart with buyers' offices, etc.

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Raymond Holley, 16-year-old "War Counselor" of a Brooklyn, New York, street gang, was sentenced to the electric chair for the shotgun slaying of 15-year-old Jessie Lipscomb last October. Two of Holley's associates, each 16 years old, were convicted of second degree murder and drew terms of 20 years to life.

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has apparently recovered from her recent hospitalization and continues to be active in her many public interests.

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Walter Reuther of the CIO United Auto Workers Union pulled off a successful settlement with the great Ford Corporation as concerns a guaranteed annual wage. Summed up, the company will be responsible for paying any of its laid-off employees an amount which, combined with state unemployment benefits, will equal from 65% to 80% of their take-home pay for a period not to exceed twenty-six weeks of each year.

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A professor in Texas will try to find ways of mass-producing sea plants, a large potential resource for food; and a professor in Germany, whose earlier work was a study on the language of bees, will try to find out how bees determine distance, correct their flight for strong winds, and how they agree on a dwelling site. The Rockerfeller Foundation will help finance both projects.

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Javier Pereira is believed to be the world's oldest man. He was examined in Columbia, South America, where calculations placed his age at 150 years and possibly 166. One doctor estimates his age at a modest 120, which would still give him the "oldest living man" title. He was discovered by the president of Believe It Or Not, Inc. The old man will travel to New York soon for examination.

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TRIVIA

by

Sam Chermak

OFF THE RECORD - The burglars who broke into the Michigan Electronics, Inc., plant were greeted by a pleasant male voice: "Good evening, gentlemen. We remind you that this place is electronically guarded. We suggest that you turn around and disappear."

There was a brief pause and the male voice, not pleasant, shouted: "Help, police, police! Thieves, burglars! Help, Police!"

Next came a woman's shrieks: "Call the police, help, help! Call the police!"

Then a siren wailed and alarm bells set up a loud racket. The burglars, not knowing it was a recording, fled, empty-handed.

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OUT TO PASTURE - Economy has forced dismissal of six veteran winter "employees" of the Dover, New Hampshire, Public Works Department. Their $1,200 keep each year was too much, officials said, so Harry, Judy, Cindy, Dolly, Prince and Nell are no longer on the payroll. Dover's horse-drawn sidewalk snow-plows have been replaced by mechanical ones.

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WINS JUST STANDIN' AROUND - Carl Bovender was just kinda standin' around...and the first thing he knew he was elected Mayor. It seems no one had filed for the office. Carl was a familiar figure and the voters took things into their own hands.

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PIOUS PUFFING - Bishop Sheen told reporters that in case his TV show got a cigarette sponsor, he might have to call the program "Holy Smoke!"

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END OF THE LINE - Japan's National Railway Corporation today explained why it plans to abolish first class coach service in June. First class coaches operate at only 30% capacity--"and most of those are riding on free passes."

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MUSIC WITH BOMBS? - The Kent County Civil Defense Organization sent out a call for volunteers for a civil defense band.

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THE REASON WHY - Didn't sound like a prospective New Hampshire tourist who sent this inquiry to the Chamber of Commerce in Concord: "Please send all the information about the reason of the Civil War." It was postmarked Greenville, Mississippi.

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THE GOVERNOR IS THE CAT'S PAJAMAS - Governor McKeldin, vetoing a bill which would have provided for the "control, regulation and restraint of cats," commented: "The cat is, by nature, a roamer and a prowler and, like his distant cousins (lions, tigers, pumas, etc.), prefers the gentle cover of the night, both for reasons of romance and pursuit of prey."

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CHICAGO NAMED FOR ONIONS - Chicago is an Indian word meaning "wild onion place," one of hundreds of Indian names for United States cities, the National Geographic Society says.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

"TAG" is going on its annual vacation. This issue will be the last one until October. If you move this summer, be sure to send your change of address to the American Printing House, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville 6, Kentucky.

We want to know if you would like to have "Sport Spots" continued. Please think about it and send us a short note during the summer giving us your vote on this question.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

Not long ago I boarded an eastbound train from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and found myself surrounded by delegates returning from a magicians convention! They seated me courteously and showed great interest in my guide dog, Betsie. During the course of the ride, the delegates compared tricks of their trade and exchanged a few new ones. They came up in turn to pet Betsie, chat with me, and one or two demonstrated a bit of magic. It was a stimulating trip and the miles and hours sped by in record time. I felt that I had come upon the most unusual convention in existence!

Since that time I have learned of many conventions and organizations that are equally surprising in character. Some of these are: the Convention of Match Folder Cover Collectors, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Feet, the Society for the Prevention of Disparaging Remarks Against Brooklyn, the National Society for People Named Smith, and so on.

In addition to such organizations, we have in this country an ever increasing number of special "Weeks" that have been set aside for national observance.

There would be little time for routine business if all America tried to celebrate National Pickle Week, National Peanut Week, National Letter Writing Week, Be Kind to Secretaries Week, as well as many other better known ones, such as Be Kind to Animals Week. Surely someone will soon organize an Eat Tomatoes Week or a National Pea Splitting Week!

A meeting of the Prune Advisory Board was announced recently on the radio and I found myself wondering what problems a prune might face and what kind of advice might be needed.

In spite of the apparent nonsense of some of the interests shown in these special weeks and organizations, they offer a welcome relief from the confusion of politics and the intrigue of world affairs. Let us hope that America never loses her sense of humor. It is important to be able to laugh at ourselves and to find the fun that is inherent in most of our everyday experiences. If we take ourselves too seriously, our troubles mount proportunately and problems multiply. A sense of humor is a gift to be safeguarded. It can help ease the strains and pressures under which we live in this modern age.

Annette B. Dinsmore

LICENSE PLATES TO BOOST STATES

by

Pauline H. Jones

States like business firms have learned it pays to advertise. Their methods vary from the very spectacular to the subtle. At least nineteen of the forty-eight states have discovered a method that covers a wide area and at the same time is inexpensive. These states have added some laudatory advertising to their car license plates.

More than three million motor vehicles in Texas have recently been issued new license plates. These bear the number, year and the name of the state, nothing more.

Texas is proud of its history, its resources, its people and boasts of them. Texas has many firsts among the states--it is the largest, produces the most oil, natural gas, cotton, grows the biggest watermelons and has the reputation of telling the tallest tales, yet her car license plates extol nothing.

The plates from other states make the public conscious that "America's Dairyland" is in Wisconsin, and that Georgia is the "Peach State." The "World Famous Potato" grows in Idaho, and Kansas, "The Wheat State," fills the bread boxes of the nation.

Knowing that cars take people on vacations, Maine advertises her "Vacationland" and New Mexico her "Land of Enchantment;" "Mount Rushmore Memorial" is worth seeing in South Dakota and so is "Colorful Colorado" in the Rockies. Minnesota tells of her "10,000 Lakes," Florida is the "Sunshine State," and Arizona reminds everyone she has the "Grand Canyon." The state of Daniel Boone invites you to "Tour Kentucky."

Nevada, "The Silver State," and Montana, "The Treasure State," would have one believe the old prospectors are still at work; Arkansas offers everyone "The Land of Opportunity;" and New York lets the public know it is "The Empire State."

Ohio commemorates its sesquicentennial, "1803-1953." Louisiana, "The Pelican State" and Wyoming, with its reproduction of a bucking broncho and rider, add local color to their licenses.

Even the District of Columbia would have no one mistake its cars, "The Nation's Capital."

But Texas, with its vast resources and its colorful history, has issued three million license plates that are merely black on gold identification tags.

--From The Dallas Morning News

SOCIETY ITEM IN REVERSE

Mr. Hiram Norcross, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Norcross of St. Louis, became the bridegroom of Miss Emily Lewis today. The ceremony took place at the home of the groom's parents and was largely attended.

Mr. Norcross was attended by Mr. Schultz as groomsman. As the groom approached the altar, he was the cynosure of all eyes. Blushing prettily, he replied to the questions of the clergyman in low but firm tones. He was charmingly clad in a three-piece suit consisting of coat, vest and pants. The coat of some dark material was draped prettily about the shoulders and tastefully gathered under the arms. A pretty story was current among the guests that the coat was one worn by his father and grandfather on their wedding days. Mr. Norcross would neither affirm nor deny the truth of this sentimental touch. The vest was sleeveless and met in the front. It was gracefully fashioned with pockets and at the back was held together by a strap and buckle of self-material.

The groom's pants were of some dark material and were suspended from the waist, falling in a straight line almost to the floor. The severe simplicity of the garment was revealed by the right pantelet which was caught up about four inches from the floor by a Boston Brighton worn underneath, revealing just the artistic glimpse of leather, laced with string of the same color. The effect was rather chic.

Beneath the vest the groom wore blue gulluses attached to the pants fore and aft, and passing in a graceful arc over each shoulder. His neck was encircled with a collar characterized by a delicate sawedge, and around the collar a cravat was loosely knotted so that it rode up under

his left ear with a studied effect of carelessness which marks supreme artistry in dress. Mr. Schultz's costume was essentially like the groom's and as the two stood at the altar, a hush of awed admiration enveloped the audience.

As Miss Lewis led the groom from the nuptials, it was noted that she wore the conventional veil and orange blossoms.

--From the Alabama Messenger

SPORT SPOTS

by

Louis Bettica

BASEBALL

Standings of Major League Clubs - May 17, 1955

National League	Won	Lost	Games Behind
Brooklyn	25	5	
New York	15	13	9
Milwaukee	16	14	9
Chicago	16	15	9½
St. Louis	13	13	10
Pittsburgh	11	18	13½
Cincinnati	10	18	14
Philadelphia	9	19	15

American League	Won	Lost	Games Behind
Cleveland	20	10	
Chicago	18	9	½
New York	17	11	2
Detroit	16	14	4
Boston	15	18	6½
Washington	11	17	8
Kansas City	11	18	8½
Baltimore	9	20	10½

Monday, May 9, was an open date, giving the teams a day of rest and time to travel from East to West and from West to East. The National League opened the season in the East and the American League started out West.

As the figures show, in the National League, the Brooklyn Dodgers started the season far ahead of the rest of the league, winning their first ten games in a row. The Dodgers are the first team in modern times to do this; not since 1884, when the Giants won the first twelve games, has any team had such a whirlwind start. The Dodgers have been able to beat the best pitchers in the National League and have defeated Robin Roberts, star Philadelphia hurler, two times. In an effort to stop the Dodgers, the opposing teams have been putting their first string pitchers in as relief, but the Brooks keep right on winning.

By May 9 the early season statistics had shaped up this way:

NATIONAL LEAGUE — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Leading Batters

Name	Team	Average	Name	Team	Average
Virdon	St. Louis	.424	Skowron	New York	.451
Mueller	New York	.421	Power	Kansas City	.415
Repuldki	St. Louis	.367	Kaline	Detroit	.417
Campanella	Brooklyn	.355	Kuenn	Detroit	.390
E. Freese	Pittsburgh	.345	Evers	Baltimore	.389

Runs Batted In

Name	Team	Runs	Name	Team	Runs
Snider	Brooklyn	29	Vernon	Washington	26
Campanella	Brooklyn	26	Nieman	Chicago	23
Furillo	Brooklyn	23	Zernial	Kansas City	22

Home Run Hitters

Name	Team	Homers	Name	Team	Homers
Furillo	Brooklyn	8	Zernial	Kansas City	8
Snider	Brooklyn	8	Lollar	Chicago	7
Kluszewski	Cincinnati	7	Nieman	Chicago	6
			Smith	Cleveland	6
			Kaline	Detroit	6
			Mantle	New York	6
			Bauer	New York	6

International League Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Team	Won	Lost
Montreal	16	6	Havana	10	11
Toronto	12	7	Buffalo	7	9
Rochester	11	7	Richmond	6	13
Columbus	10	10	Syracuse	3	12

HORSE RACING

Louisville, Kentucky, May 7 - More than 100,000 fans gathered at Churchill Downs to see the running of the 81st Kentucky Derby which was won by Swaps,

a California horse, by a length and a half over Nashua, the favorite. Swaps, ridden by Willie Shoemaker, took an early lead and kept it throughout the race. Summer Tan, the third horse, made a bid for the lead on the back stretch, but Swaps had too much for him and Summer Tan fell back, making room for Nashua to come up at the last turn to only one-half length behind Swaps. Shoemaker, feeling Nashua right behind him, gave Swaps an encouraging slap with the whip and Swaps responded by galloping away and, at the finish line, was a full length and one-half ahead of Nashua who had won his last six races.

There was $152,000 in prizes and Swaps' owner received $108,000. Eddie Arcaro, riding Nashua, was looking for his sixth Kentucky Derby win. Although Shoemaker has been the nation's leading jockey for the past three years, this was his first Kentucky Derby and he received a prize of $15,000.

BOXING

San Francisco, California, May 16 - A skimpy crowd of 15,235 at Kezar Stadium saw Rocky Marciano retain his heavyweight championship title, defeating England's Don Cockell by a TKO in the ninth round of this highly publicized, one-sided bout. Cockell, who weighed in at 205 pounds, never had the 189 pound Marciano in trouble, but showed a lot of heart and polish. Marciano will defend his title again sometime in September, probably in New York. It is still anybody's guess who he will fight at that time.

QUESTION: What is the distance between the pitcher's mound and home plate? (Answer next month)

(Answer to last month's question: Since 1900, the Giants have won more games than any other National League team, winning 4,637 and losing 3,676. The Phillies have lost the most games, losing 4,686 and winning only 3,611.)

HEARD ON THE RADIO

A hick from the country was sitting on a bench in Central Park. A city slicker sat down beside him and said, "What are you doing, Bud?" He answered that he was having a wonderful time counting the pigeons. The city slicker explained that he was a tax collector of pigeon-counters and asked how many he had counted. The hick replied ten. The slicker said, "Then you must pay me ten dollars or I'll have to run you in." In telling the tale in his home town, his friends were horrified. "Oh," said the hick, "I got the better of him because you see I really counted fourteen."

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Definition of a Consultant: A Consultant is any ordinary person, fifty miles or more away from home, with a brief case.

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Brought before the court, the motorist declared:

"Your honor, I was not drunk, I had only been drinking."

"In that case," said the judge, "I'm not going to send you to jail for a month -- only for 30 days."

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Hickory, dickory, dock

Three mice ran up the clock

The clock struck one

The other two escaped with minor injuries!

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When the grocer's little girl came home from a holiday at her aunt's she found that triplets had been added to the family.

"How silly of you, mommy," she said. "You should have done the ordering -- you know how daddy stutters!"

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On a recent visit to Puerto Rico a lady joined a group of tourists on a tour of a rum distillery. The tour ended in the distillery's bar where rum drinks were offered to the party - all you can drink, on the house. Our lady declined, saying that she didn't care for rum, and asked if she could have a glass of milk instead.

This was promptly served, with a jigger of rum secretly poured into it by a prankster. She took a few sips and smiled contentedly. "My, my, what wonderful cows you have in Puerto Rico!" she said.

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The customer was getting a shave when an excited man burst into the barber shop and shaking the reclining man's foot, yelled: "Hey, Wilbur, your house is on fire!

Startled, the customer leaped from the chair, and forgetting about his lathered face, ran madly down the street. After running two blocks, he stopped suddenly. "Hey, what am I running for? I'm not Wilbur."

Hello. How are you? I'm fine!

The Boss has some new friends. They live near us and they have a cat. His name is Henry and he is my new friend.

Henry likes me. He plays with my tail and paws at my ears. When Henry jumps, he bounces. Sometimes I bounce, too. If I stand still, he walks in and out around my feet and purrs.

I like to play with balls. Henry likes bells better--little round bells. He rolls them all around the room and hides them.

Last week, I found one of the bells under a big chair. I picked it up and it had a pretty jingle, so I took it to the Boss. Then I opened my mouth to drop it in her lap and the bell was gone! I looked and looked, but it wasn't anywhere. Everyone laughed and said I swallowed the bell. They said it was down inside me. I don't think it was inside me. I didn't jingle.

Betty Riley read letters to the Boss and typed, too, before Claire Morrissette came. Now, Betty goes away sometimes on trips and Claire reads and types for the Boss. Claire is very short--Betty is tall--the Boss is very tall.

One time we all went out for a walk. I didn't have to work because the Boss took Betty's arm and just held my leash. Then Claire wanted me to walk with her and the Boss said she could try it.

Claire took my leash, but I didn't walk with her--she had to run after me. It was fun. I ran fast and went into doorways. I went up and down steps and stopped at nice smells. Claire and I ran around in circles, too.

I never can stop to smell things with the Boss and I can't run in circles. But I like the Boss anyway.

That's all I have to tell about this time. Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

by

Kay Vindemore

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has been a patient in North Shore Hospital in Long Island since May 9. The nature of her ailment was not disclosed, but she was reported in "good condition" though under care of day and night nurses.

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A walking mechanical elephant with an international background can be yours for as little as $12,000. The elephant, named Wendy, first walked during celebration of the Festival of Britain in 1951. Since then it has paraded about at the Republican Convention in 1952, at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York, at supermarket openings, and on movie sets. Wendy's present owner, a publicity man, bought the "animal" as an investment from the estate of the man who built it as a hobby. But he now wants to sell because he says he is neglecting other phases of his business by catering to the elephant. Wendy rents for $250 a day as against $350 for a live elephant, and operates on only three or four gallons of gasoline a day. Its legs are four huge pneumatic rams similar to locomotive pistons and inside its trunk is a vacuum system to suck up peanuts.

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As cool and courteous as any men-about-town, three gunmen tied up five men and one woman in a wholesale fur shop in New York and packed 146 pieces of mink, including coats and stoles worth $50,000 or more, into cartons they had brought with them. With a pleasant "Goodbye all," they fled.

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Mrs. Mary L. Kays, 43, living near Poughkeepsie, New York, was convicted of refusing to yield a party line telephone so that a neighbor could report a fire. Maximum penalty is a fine of $500, a year in jail or both. She will be sentenced within the next few weeks.

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England's six-year-old Prince Charles, accompanied by a nurse and a detective, unrecognized by his future subjects, toured the Trafalgar Square underground station for a look at London subway trains which he has never ridden. The Prince watched for half an hour and left, still unnoticed.

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A young woman, traveling in company with her mother, committed suicide by jumping from an eastbound train. It is believed she was afraid of being readmitted to a mental institution. Her mother, having disappeared from the train, was found eight hours later walking along a highway in a dazed condition.

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The Pulitzer Prize for local reporting under deadline pressure went to Mrs. Carol Brown, 47, of the Alice Daily Echo for her thorough, daily digging into the noisome, often dangerous political situation in Duval County in South Texas. Her reports were a major factor in forcing investigations that resulted in 198 indictments plus Federal income-tax charges against Duval's political boss, George B. Parr. Before starting her career six years ago, Mrs. Brown was a housewife and mother. Her $1,000 prize money will go for "a new stove, a new washing machine, and some things like that."

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Trans World Airlines, celebrating thirty years of service, recently "cleared" three long-range experts for a take-off into the wild blue future. Here's what they predicted for 1985. Dr. Wernher von Braun, chief of the Guided Missiles Division at the Army's Redsone Alabama Arsenal, said commercial airliners will fly 2,000 miles per hour at an altitude of more than 60,000 feet. Dr. Fred Whipple, Harvard's astronomer, prophesied passengers will ride in the wings of airliners jet-propelled by atomic energy. Hal Hibbard, Vice President of Engineering for Lockheed Aircraft, foretold that transcontinental planes will fly 1,500 miles per hour at 80,000 feet and there will be feeder lines equipped with vertical-rising aircraft cruising at 500 miles per hour. TWA's president then invited everybody to do their own predicting. To the person (or his heirs or assigns) who submits the best guess as to what commercial aviation will be like thirty years hence, TWA will give $50,000. Entries will be sealed until the thirty years have ended.

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At 6:00 p.m. on May 12, the last elevated train to run in New York made its final trip. Early the next morning, workmen began the job of taking down the elevated structure. "Costs too much to operate," the City says.

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Aluminum foil insulates houses better than five feet of concrete. Hung in the air space of the normal house wall, a remarkable new insulating foil keeps out summer heat and winter cold more effectively than a concrete wall sixty-seven inches thick. It holds back 95% of all radiant heat, is moisture-proof, easy to apply, and 100 square feet weigh only five pounds.

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Former President Harry S. Truman celebrated his 71st birthday in Independence, Missouri, on May 8. Told that he was to break ground for the $1,750,000 Harry S. Truman Library, Inc., with a gold-plated shovel, he said, "I once had a job on the Santa Fe Railroad from Atherton, Missouri, to Kansas City, but I didn't get much acquainted with the shovel work. I was the timekeeper."

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On May 17, former U. S. Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, 80, died of a heart ailment near Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. He had given up his law practice to accept the appointment to the high court by former President Hoover in 1930 and retired ten years ago.

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Recently a small fire started in a wood-burning plant which soon spread to adjoining lumber yards and resulted in the largest fire in Brooklyn, New York, during the past thirty-six years. The loss is estimated at $2,000,000. Numerous firemen were injured (none fatally), and 72 pieces of fire equipment were used to bring the flames under control.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

The "Hit Parade" is a regular program on radio and television which plays the songs of the week, numbered in order of their popularity. The choice is based upon the number of times each song has been played on radio, television, and in juke boxes as well as the sale of records and sheet music. Reports are received from all parts of the country and there is an element of excitement in the competition. A smash hit may move rapidly up to number one position and stay there for weeks before dropping back. A song which you like tremendously may never reach the top, while another which you find almost distasteful may become number one. In any case, the "Hit Parade" reflects current interests and momentary tastes.

The "Ballad of Davy Crockett" reached the top of the "Hit Parade" while Betsie and I were traveling through Texas last month and it seemed well timed, since we had just been hearing great tales of Davy Crockett, one of Texas' heroes who died at the famous battle of the Alamo.

The ballad is set to hillbilly music, but the pace is faster than most music of this type and has a lilt, so that the impression given is one of confidence in the hero and great admiration for him. Endless verses take Davy through his career starting in the mountains of Tennessee where, at the age of three, he shot a bear - into wars with Indians - a lost romance - "politicking" in Washington - and then on with the march to the West. Davy, "the man who knew no fear--king of the wild frontier," took Texas by storm and died there, a legendary figure, defending freedom in the struggle with Mexico.

When we heard the ballad in Texas, the song was given added color by a succession of "whoops" in each chorus--"whoops" which seem to be omitted in the northern rendition.

Betsie and I were driven for miles and miles in Texas--from Austin at the center, south to San Antonio, east to Houston, northeast to Beaumont and Dallas, then to the north central part - Fort Worth and Waco, and back again to Austin. In many ways Texas lived up to its reputation with extremes of temperature, wide-open spaces and powerful wind storms. But the people were not exaggerated--they were gracious and natural, welcoming us at every turn. If they boasted at times about their native state, they did so with a chuckle as if to say they knew we would be disappointed if they failed to brag a bit.

It was delightful to see Florine Davis, Grace Nardy and Clara Grober again, and talk to them without the discomfort of last summer's heat. Traveling by car gave us a chance to see Abbie Corman, "our Texas correspondent," and it was good to meet her at last! Abbie seemed equally glad to see us and Betsie gave her an enthusiastic kiss. Vallie Douglas, another friend of long standing, greeted us cordially, too, and we were glad to learn that she likes to attend the social activities at the local Lighthouse. This not only gives her pleasure, but it helps that group to understand deaf-blind people.

During the course of our trip, we became acquainted with a number of people who have just recently lost sight and hearing and who are making excellent progress. And it was even more heartening to realize the understanding and interest the home teachers were taking in them. Among these was James Durst who has learned braille very quickly and is doing extremely well in handcrafts of various kinds.

They never say "Goodbye" in Texas. It is always "Come back and see us" or just "Come back now." Although you soon realize that the expression is automatic, there is a note of sincerity that leaves you with a pleasant glow and you find yourself thinking ahead. Yes--someday you will "come back" to Texas!

Annette B. Dinsmore

ASPHALT FLOWER GARDEN

by

Herbert J. Posin

How often have people stopped at a florist's window, intrigued by the display of roses, asters, and now and then a haughty orchid. However, the best place in our big town to see and smell flowers is the wholesale flower market on Twenty-eighth Street between Broadway and Sixth Avenue. There, about seven o'clock in the morning, large refrigerator trucks rumble up before wholesale shops and unload box after box of roses, violets and dahlias while gladioli by the thousands line the sidewalks. The heterogeneous odor of roses, sweet peas and phlox is overpowering and this is the only block in New York City where you do not smell gasoline. Garment workers hurrying past, slow down and gaze in delight at the mass of blooms.

The flower market is most active in the early morning, the wholesale shops being open between five and ten a.m. A few stores will occasionally remain open later to dispose of their left-over stock to retail trade and it is sometimes possible to purchase exquisite flowers at ridiculously low prices.

The visitor to this neighborhood will be entranced and amazed at the sight of what appears to be an asphalt flower garden on a gigantic scale.

HIGHER LEARNING FOR DOGS

(OR - Kid--the Canine with a College Education)

Greenwich, Connecticut--A five-year-old female dog called Kid has astonished many people here with her amazing ability to follow directions given by her owner, a 73-year-old man named H. S. Gatchell, who estimates that she knows two thousand words.

The other day Mr. Gatchell, a man with a flowing white beard and a great mane of gray hair, told Kid to point out the man wearing the red tie with the thin white stripes. Seven men were present, three with ties, four without. Kid looked around the room, walked up to this reporter who happened to have the kind of tie described, and put her paws on his chest. When Mr. Gatchell told her to pick out the man with the red tie with a bit of blue in it, Kid did so.

"Who has the least stuff on top?" asked Mr. Gatchell. Kid walked up to the bald-headed member of the party and reared up on him. Asked to try Kid out on mathematics, this reporter said, "What's eight times eight?" Kid barked six times, then four. "What's seven times nine?" She barked six times, then three.

This exhibition of the dog's uncanny prowess took place in a filling-station on the eastbound side of the Merritt Parkway, a mile west of the Greenwich toll station. Persons who saw this and other demonstrations by Kid and Mr. Gatchell, a picturesque man who lives in his 1948 Hudson with Kid and three other dogs, are convinced that in claiming two thousand words for Kid, Mr. Gatchell is understating the case.

Mr. Gatchell, who says that he lives wherever he happens to be at the moment, arrived here last month from Maine, where he had been visiting

his sister. He parked his car, which has Georgia plates, behind the filling station and has been there ever since, except for trips around the country-side during the day with his dogs. The filling station attendants, who have grown fond of the old man and his remarkable dog, are delighted to have him around.

One of the attendants said to Mr. Gatchell, "Show how Kid can point out the light switch." Mr. Gatchell turned to the dog and remarked, "Somebody just said that you should point out something. Will you do it?" Kid went over to the wall and put her paws on the light switch. "There's a map in this room, Kid," said Mr. Gatchell. "Bring it to me." Kid went over to the table and scanned the papers on it. She extracted a map and brought it to her owner in her teeth.

Mr. Gatchell believes that anybody can train a teachable dog to learn the meaning of two thousand words or even more. Kid is still learning, he thinks.

All the trainer needs is a nice gentle dog, preferably of the working variety--retrievers, bird dogs, and so on--and not too well-bred, Mr. Gatchell contends. Kid's mother was a Labrador retriever, her father an airedale.

--Reported by Don Ross of the New York Herald Tribune

MAN VERSUS POLIO

A Medical Milestone

On May 14, 1796, an English country doctor named Edward Jenner took some germ-filled matter from the hand of a dairy-maid stricken with cow-pox and inoculated it into the arm of an eight-year-old boy. Months later, the boy was injected with a murderous dose of smallpox and remained healthy. Jenner had developed the first successful vaccination.

Thus began the story of man's conquest of disease by immunization. After Jenner cam Pasteur, Koch, Sir Almoth Wright, Behring, Roux, Walter Reed and the other giants. One by one the terrible carriers of death were conquered--rabies, diphtheria, yellow fever, tetanus, typhoid and cholera.

Recently the work that Jenner began culminated in another dramatic victory. From Ann Arbor, Michigan, on April 12, word of the event flashed around the world:

"The polio vaccine works. It is safe, effective and potent."

The announcement meant the imminent conquest of poliomyelitis, a moving reminder to man that science's achievements are not limited to the arts of war.

Efforts to find a cure began early in the century and made almost no headway for three decades. The break came when Franklin D. Roosevelt, polio's most famous victim, established the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Fifteen annual Marches of Dimes raised more than two billion dimes; 180 million of them went to virus research.

Dr. Salk's Contribution

On July 12, 1950, the National Foundation received the following application:

"I, Jonas E. Salk, M.D., Research Professor of Bacteriology of the University of Pittsburgh, hereby make application . . . for a grant . . . to undertake studies with the objective of developing a method for the prevention of paralytic poliomyelitis by immunologic means."

Jonas Salk had graduated from New York University School of Medicine, interned at Mt. Sinai Hospital, and gone into virus research. He had helped identify and type the polio viruses. Now he undertook to develop a vaccine from dead viruses.

Last spring the foundation put the Salk vaccine to the test. It was a vast field trial which covered 1,800,000 children in one way or another and cost $7,500,000. The foundation commissioned a renowned virologist, Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr., of the University of Michigan, to evaluate the results impartially.

There were two testing areas. In one, covering thirty-three states, second-grade children were inoculated with the Salk vaccine with the objective of comparing their records with uninoculated first and third graders.

The second test took place in an eleven-state area. There 401,942 school children in first, second and third grades were inoculated. Half got the Salk vaccine, the other half were given "dummy" shots. The fluid looked exactly like the real vaccine and no one, not even those who gave the injections, could know who got which until Dr. Francis and his team decoded the numbers.

Last summer and fall, investigators collected data and specimens from all the children. Statisticians analyzed the staggering mass of information. The pressure was intense--for speed, because if the vaccine

worked it would save lives this summer; for accuracy, because miscalculations might conceivably cost lives. Finally, the figures were completed and Dr. Francis wrote his report.

On April 12, scientists and physicians from all over the country gathered at Ann Arbor to hear it. It was a dramatic moment. No one, not even Dr. Salk, had seen it. The key statement was:

"Vaccination was 80-90 per cent effective against paralytic poliomyelitis."

Now the Shots

The vaccine, manufactured by half a dozen pharmaceutical houses, must be inspected for safety and potency by the Federal Government. Dr. Salk recommends a three-shot series, the first two shots two to four weeks apart, which should produce immunity well into 1956, and a third, about seven months after the second.

There should be enough vaccine available to immunize thirty million persons by the end of June. But there are almost fifty million children under fifteen years old, and 67 per cent of all polio cases occur in that age group. What about the rest? Physicians are already swamped with demands from parents and patients.

In Washington, some Congressmen are demanding that the President set up Federal control over the vaccine's distribution.

By next year there should be enough vaccine for the whole population and the National Foundation is hopeful that most persons--adults as well as children--will be immunized. Meanwhile the foundation is continuing research to perfect the vaccine. Dr. Salk says that it should eventually be made "100 per cent effective."

What are the possibilities of applying man's newly acquired knowledge about the polio virus to other diseases? The process by which that virus was licked and the proof that the nation could set up a vast, controlled test of a scientific discovery has fired the world of medical research. Many are now convinced that with enough money, enough time and enough freedom for study and experiment, it will ultimately be possible to develop effective means of preventing virtually all virus diseases. This would include the common cold, influenza and measles. It might even include that most dread disease of all--cancer. In recent years there has been some evidence that some forms of cancer might be caused by a virus. The door of knowledge is still closed. But the experience gained from polio virus research might help science to push it ajar.

--From the New York Times

POSTMARKED NEW YORK - MAY 1952

Dear _____:

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Many years ago when a group of my friends were very picnic-minded, we used to go off into the woods for a whole day. There would be charcoal fires, broiled steaks, and all the trimmings, and then directly after we had fed the inner man, some smart boy would suggest a baseball game--girls versus boys. I never knew one end of the bat from the other so I was always content to sit on the sidelines and be "gallery." One afternoon, as they were finishing the seventh inning, the girl who was covering third base twisted her ankle in an uneven spot on the ground and was forced to leave the game. The rest were loath to have the game end so abruptly so they called upon me to pinch-hit for her. I explained that I knew nothing about the game, but they insisted and said all I had to do was cover third base. Reluctantly I strolled over to third base. I can't remember now who was up at the bat, but the ball was pitched, the batter batted a beautiful high ball and I saw a great deal of activity. So, thinking that was my cue, I ran as though the devil were chasing me to home plate. I thought I was pretty remarkable, but I didn't think it called for the amount of attention my feeble efforts had won for me. The boys rolled on the ground holding their sides, the girls were hysterical, and I thought, "Well, I know I'm good and I know I ran fast, but certainly there was nothing that remarkable about my act."

You guessed it--I was never again asked to play baseball, even as a

substitute player on the picnics which followed.

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Very sincerely yours,

Louise Rauch

Editors Note: Many of you remember Louise Rauch and the encouraging letters she wrote to a number of you. Now, almost two years since her death, it seems appropriate to bring her back to mind through an excerpt from one of her cheery letters. This story she tells on herself is especially suitable in the Spring of the year with the opening of the baseball season. The content reveals Louise's ever ready sense of humor and the sparkle of her personality.

SPORT SPOTS

by

Louis Bettica

BASKETBALL

The Syracuse Nationals defeated the Fort Wayne Pistons 92 to 91 in a bitterly contested game to win the U.S. Pro Championship title. In the seven game playoff series, Syracuse won the first two games at their home court, lost the next three in Fort Wayne, but came back to win the last two and the title in Syracuse. Fort Wayne has not won a game in Syracuse in the last 28 games played in that city.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Final

Eastern Division	Western Division
Syracuse	Fort Wayne
New York	Indianapolis
Boston	Rochester
Philadelphia	Milwaukee

HOCKEY

FINAL NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Montreal
Detroit
Toronto
Boston
New York
Chicago

Detroit defeated Montreal 4 games to 3 in the 7-game playoff for the hockey title.

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR HOCKEY

Germany, March 1 - Canada defeated Russia 5 to 0 to win the world's international amateur ice hockey championship title. In third place was

Czechoslovakia, followed by the United States, Sweden, Germany, Poland, Switzerland and Finland.

OUTDOOR TRACK

Austin, Texas, April 2 - Wes Santee, the great runner from Kansas, continued to pour on speed and established a new U.S. track record for the mile. Running in the Texas relays, and paced by one of his own team mates, Santee ran the mile in four minutes and five-tenths of a second.

BOXING

New World's Welterweight Champion

Boston, Massachusetts, April 1 - Johnny Saxton, world's welterweight champ, was TKO'd in two minutes and twenty seconds of the 14th round by Tony DeMarco.

BASEBALL

Snow may be piled ten feet high in several of the western states, but throughout most of the U.S.A. there are definitely signs of Spring. The tulips are above ground and other Spring flowers are ready to burst into bloom; the lakes up Maine way are now thawed out and men from all over the country are up there trying their luck at the famous salmon fishing in that part of the country. Horse racing is now carried on above the Mason-Dixon Line, but what seems to be of interest to most sports-minded Americans is the fact that baseball season is here at last.

Before the race gets under way, the observers have summed up their reactions to the Spring training sessions as follows: The American League seems to have only the Cleveland Indians and the New York Yankees fighting for the pennant with the Chicago White Sox being given some consideration. The Cleveland Indians are the favorites because of their

winning team last year and the fact that they do have a well-balanced ball club. The Yankees seem to be depending heavily on the bat of Mickey Mantle to overcome their need for new pitchers who must be bought to help their aging pitching staff. It is predicted that Boston, Washington, Detroit, Kansas City and Baltimore will follow in that order.

The National League is expected to provide more competition with the Giants, Brooklyn Dodgers and Milwaukee Braves fighting it out for the championship. The Giants have a well-balanced ball team and everyone seems to expect Willie Mays to have a great year. The Brooklyn Dodgers are counting heavily on the bat of Roy Campanella, and the Milwaukee Braves are expected to continue with the fighting spirit they showed in the past two years. St. Louis, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago and Pittsburgh are predicted to end the season in that order.

As of April 19 the pennant races were shaping up this way:

National League	Won	Lost
Brooklyn	7	0
Milwaukee	5	2
Philadelphia	4	2
Chicago	4	4
St. Louis	3	3
New York	2	5
Cincinnati	2	5
Pittsburgh	0	6

American League	Won	Lost
Boston	5	1
New York	4	2
Cleveland	5	3
Chicago	3	2
Detroit	3	3
Washington	2	2
Kansas City	2	5
Baltimore	0	6

QUESTION: What team in the National League has won the most games since 1900 and what team has lost the most games in that period?

(Answer next month)

Hello. How are you? I'm fine!

Do you know about April Fool's Day? People play jokes on other people, but the Boss plays them on herself!

We were in Texas on April Fool's Day. The first joke happened when the Boss was brushing her teeth. All of a sudden she made an awful face and washed out her mouth. She said she had put some handcream from a tube on the brush instead of toothpaste. I don't know why she made such a face. I like to lick handcream and soap, too.

Then I took the Boss down to the dining room and after breakfast we went up in the elevator again. The door was open and a woman was fixing up the room. The Boss asked her to wait outside and said we were in a hurry and would be leaving in five minutes. The woman looked queer and asked, "Are you sure?" The Boss was very sure and said, "Of course, we have to leave to meet someone."

The room smelled different to me and I couldn't find my dish of water, so I knew--!

The Boss began pulling open drawers in the bureau and was she surprised to find some man's clothes there! We ran out of that room fast! The woman said she knew we were on the wrong floor. Of course, I knew it, too. But the Boss won't listen very much to people when she is hurrying around. And that's how she played an April Fool's joke on herself.

We saw Earl Baker in Oklahoma City. He is nice and smiles. We went to see the place where he lives and where he eats. Everybody likes Earl Baker and I like him, too.

Now we are back and I go to sleep under the desk in the new office without fussing anymore. It is better not to fuss and I can sleep just the same.

Thank you and good-bye. We'll come back soon.

Betsie Dinsmore

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

"If we know you're comin', we'll bake a cake." We shall be happy to see you if you are able to come to the American Foundation for the Blind. However, please let us know well in advance so that we can plan our time in order to make your visit as pleasant as possible.

NEWS CAPSULES

by

Kay Vindemore

The art of bank hold-ups set a new cash haul record on April 6 when three men escaped with $305,243.17 from a bank in Woodside, Queens, New York City. The 25-minute theft was apparently the result of long observation and precision planning. It started with the kidnapping at 8:35 a.m. of the chief clerk of the Chase Manhattan Bank outside his home with whom the robbers entered the bank. It moved swiftly to a machine-gun round-up of ten employees, driving them into the bank vault, none being physically harmed. It hit its climax with the scooping up of the money--triple the amount usually on hand because it was a payroll day.

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Sir Alexander Flemming, the discover of penicillin, died during the week of March 7. He was in his 70's.

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King Hussein, 20, of Jordan, a fast man with modern cars and planes, took a modern miss to wife. She is Princess Dina Abdul Hamid, 25, daughter of an Egyptian prince. She holds an M.A. from Cambridge, England, and will be Jordan's first queen with an advanced education.

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At 1:15 a.m. on April 18, Albert Einstein, 76, hailed by some as the greatest genius of all time, died quietly in the hospital in Princeton, New Jersey. Death was due to a rupture of the aorta, the body's main artery. It was typical of this humble genius that only his intimate friends knew he was ill of a gall bladder ailment when he entered

the hospital the Friday before. He left his brain for scientific examination. His body was cremated and the funeral private. Memorial services will be held in Princeton and in New York on May 22.

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Eighty criminally insane inmates rioted on April 16 at the Rusk State Hospital in Texas and held a superintendent and two other persons hostage at knife-point for six hours before giving up. At least thirteen persons were injured. The rioters surrendered their hostages, gave up their knives, baseball bats, scissors, etc., and returned to their rooms after a dramatic door-step talk with Texas Ranger, Captain Bob Crowder. The riot leader, a six-foot teenager from Topeka, Kansas, held an ice pick at the back of the captive superintendent as he bargained with the Ranger.

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On March 31 Colonel Robert Rutherford McCormick, editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune, died at the age of 74. About fifteen hundred persons attended the memorial service.

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The 114-year-old Brooklyn Eagle, New York's largest community newspaper and the only daily paper in Brooklyn, closed permanently on March 16 after a 47-day strike by its 315 editorial and business department employees.

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Last summer, Princess Marie Pia, the pretty 20-year-old daughter of exiled King Umberto of Italy, accepted an invitation from the King and Queen of Greece to go on an Adriatic cruise with a boatload of

European royalty. (TAG, October 1954) Aboard the yacht was British-born Prince Alexander of Yugoslavia, 30, a wartime pilot and postwar washing machine salesman. A shipboard romance blossomed into a recent wedding in the Portuguese fishing village of Cascais. The couple's desire for a simple wedding and informality failed to impress Umberto's former subjects back home, and Italy's foremost fashion houses tried to outdo each other in creating unordered trousseaus.

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A four-wheeled veteran of World War I finally returned home from France. The Daisy, a 1916 Dodge sedan that served as staff car for General of the Armies John J. Pershing, was unloaded from a freighter and was shipped to Janesville, Wisconsin, where it will be retired on the farm of Daniel Parker of the Parker Pen Company. It had been in the hands of a junk dealer and is said to still be in running condition. Traces of the original olive drab paint are still visible.

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In Anchorage, Alaska, startled patrons of a bar swore that a moose stuck its head in the door, glowered at the drinkers, but left quietly. In Palmer, near Anchorage, the Police Chief said he tried to leave his house by the front door, but couldn't, because of an angry half-ton moose blocking his way. He finally scared the animal off temporarily with a shotgun blast and made his getaway in a car, the moose in hot pursuit. However farfetched these tales seem, half-starved moose, driven from mountains by record snows, have descended on the Anchorage area, singly and in herds--and the hunting season does not begin until September.

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Joe Weicherding who runs a liquor store in Appleton, Minnesota, (population 2,500), found a plain stamped envelope in his mail. When he opened it $100 fell out. No explanation accompanied it. His first thought was that someone owed him the money or had walked out with that much in goods when he ran a produce store. Others in that town also had fun with the mail. A filling-station operator received $60, a nurse got $40, and a housewife found ten $100 bills in her envelope. Gifts ran from $3 up. Finally, the editor of their weekly paper began putting the stories together and adding up the total. It came to $1,324. The postmaster reported that people kept coming in looking for their mail and made it seem like Christmas. No one was able to guess the identity of the sender.

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In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, after listening to testimony that a man drank to excess, threatened to leave his wife, failed to assume domestic responsibilities, refused to hang storm windows, shovel snow or cut the grass, the judge dismissed the wife's divorce suit and told her she was not being specific enough.

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A 45-year-old patrolman, paralyzed from the waist down by a bandit's bullet in 1939, was responsible for the arrest of a man charged with robbing his hospital room. The prowler entered his room during the night while it was dark and the patrolman pretended he was asleep. The prowler used a flashlight and took $7 and a miniature police shield out of the table drawer. The policeman didn't move throughout the incident but got a good description which enabled detectives to arrest the guilty man who was an attendant at the hospital.

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EXPLORER

A road runs past our house.
I asked my mother once.
She said. . . .
It led you to the milkman's door.
That's why I haven't wandered more!

—Millay

Some time ago a little boy in the Iowa School for the Deaf, Deaf-Blind Division, disappeared from his class room.

The situation wasn't too alarming because this particular little boy had disappeared before. He is just as curious and adventuresome as all little boys, and he had proved, on other occasions, to be quite capable of taking care of himself.

On this day, the hunt for him was a lengthy one. He could not be found at any of the former haunts.

It wasn't until a teacher reported a visitor at her history class in Upper Division, one floor above, that those concerned realized that their young charge had, all by himself, discovered the location of the "seat of higher learning" in his Alma Mater.

MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

During the middle of February, Betsie and I made a quick trip to Canada at the request of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. They had asked my help in planning a program for a young, newly deaf-blind girl.

Obviously the journey was unexpected, because no one in his right mind would deliberately plan to go practically to the North Pole in the height of the winter season! We had to go to a place that seemed in the very wilderness, Port Arthur, a town at the extreme northern tip of Lake Superior. They call the area the "Lake Head." Having heard tales of extreme below-zero temperatures up there, I packed everything warm I could get my hands on and remembered Betsie's boots and raincoat. I resisted an impulse to purchase a special outfit for the visit and hoped that I would come back after the three days with nose and ears intact.

Fortune was with us, however. According to the natives, it was "balmy and almost spring-like." The temperature went down to zero but not below. There was a thick coating of snow everywhere, which was crisp and stimulating in the clear sunshine. Betsie had a chance to run in the snow to her heart's content and she rolled over and over in it delightedly. However, my fears had not been groundless--two days before they had had temperature readings of more than thirty degrees below zero.

One of the things that impressed me in this section was the fact that everyone could ice-skate as if born to do so. Each child starts to learn almost as soon as he can walk. Another thing--no one had to struggle into skates at the edge of an ice-covered pond, but could put them on in the house and walk over snowy streets to the ice without changing.

Port Arthur and its twin city, Fort William, are prosperous communities and constitute a key point in the commerce of the Great Lakes. There are huge grain elevators which can be seen from the air and form a landmark. Nearby is one of the most beautiful sections in Canada--a perfect setting for summer holidays. I hope that the next time I am called to Canada it will be in July or August!

The Canadian people themselves are gracious and I find their accent charming. They say "oat" for "out," "shedule" for "schedule" and "fillum" for "film." It is good to know our neighbors and, when we remember the thousands of miles of unpatrolled borderline between our countries, we know that peace can be possible between nations. May the time come when dividing lines the world over can be left unguarded--unprotected!

Annette B. Dinsmore

GIANTS OF THE SEA

Aboard the U.S.S. Atka, February 25, 1955 - An iceberg so enormous that it took four hours to steam past has diverted this ship today from the straight course she had set for Buenos Aires and home.

It was the largest berg seen by the expedition which had surveyed prospective base sites on the Antarctic continent for the Government. The dimensions could only be guessed since only one side, about fifty miles long, was seen. The iceberg was tabular, a variety peculiar to the Antarctic. It was formed when the ice sheet over the continent pushed out to sea and then cracked off in one vast chunk. The result is a flat-topped berg, bounded on all sides by vertical ice cliffs that rise about one-hundred feet above the water and extend eight-hundred feet below the surface.

The giant sighted today was surprisingly far north for so large a berg and may be the last outpost of the Antarctic to be seen on this cruise. It was difficult to believe the ice was not on land. Along the entire length, the upper sections of the cliffs were shrouded in mist. Hugh caverns of a luminous deep blue had been eaten into the cliffs by the sea. Arrayed in endless succession, they resembled the arches of a viaduct. These are the "wrinkles" on the face of an iceberg that mark its age. The smooth-faced bergs are the young ones. The monster had produced its own young. Nearby were smaller bergs whose cavern patterns indicated they had been "calved" from the large berg. One of these was more than a mile wide.

--Excerpt from an article in the New York Times

THE SCOUNDREL - A REAL LIFE "WHO-DONE-IT"

Reported Anonymously

(Continued from the February issue of TAG)

The probe into the mystery of Serge Rubinstein's death apparently had bogged down for a week after he was found strangled in his luxurious Fifth Avenue home after a night of hitting the bright spots with ex-actress Estelle Gardner, 26, who has been questioned many times since. However, there was a surprise development in the arrest of a taxi driver named Scholz. An Assistant District Attorney disclosed that detectives had been tailing the hackie for many days, and said that he is not now a suspect but rather a very important witness.

A number of guns and revolvers were found in his home, along with all the newspapers featuring the Rubinstein murder. Scholz said two friends gave him the guns a year ago when they planned to rob a bank. He told how they had watched the bank for three weeks but never pulled the job because the third man failed to show up on the morning set for the robbery.

It was admitted by Scholz that he had figured out how to go about kidnapping Rubinstein, had told all the details of his plan to some friends, but had had no hand in his murder. From the time the body was discovered, it appeared that the affair was a bungled kidnapping. According to police, Scholz said he was saving the newspapers dealing with the Rubinstein case in order to show them to a convict partner when he was released from prison. They quoted the hackie as saying, "I wanted to show him the swell chance we missed." He apparently referred to the kidnapping that never came off and to the stories which estimated the murdered draft-dodger's fortune at $10,000,000.

Neighbors who had known Scholz during the twenty years he lived in a well-kept house in Queens, New York City, said he was "nice and well-liked" and had recently been hospitalized for ulcers. He lives with his wife and mother-in law. He is a small, thin, mild, nervous man. Though he already had been picked up and was being questioned, a hush-hush, top-level conference of police and assistant district attorneys announced that there was nothing new to report. Another driver is still sought, the one who drove Rubinstein's girl friend home after her date with him the night of the murder.

ANOTHER "SHAGGY DOG" STORY

An onlooker, watching a checker game, was surprised to see that one of the players was a big, shaggy dog. After careful consideration, the dog lifted a paw and moved one of his checkers. The man opposite him, his master, made a move and then the paw came up again for the next play.

The watcher exclaimed in astonishment, "My, what a clever dog you have!"

The master replied, "Oh, he's not so smart. I won the last two games out of three."

LATEST LAWS

The year 1954 saw important developments in the field of industrial jurisprudence. A New York arbitrator held that it is not permissible to fire a waiter because he is writing a book about the customers and the owner of the restaurant. The New Jersey Supreme Court held that a bartender, hit by flying beer steins, may collect workmen's compensation. An Australian tribunal held that compensation was proper in the case of a dislocated jaw suffered while yawning at work. There were also important new laws and administrative orders. Boxers appearing in professional bouts in Indiana were required to take non-Communist oaths. The town of Waterloo, Nebraska, forbade barbers to eat onions between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

I.Q. ZOO

Keller B. Breland of Hot Springs, Arkansas, is a psychologist who applies modern scientific methods to training and understanding animals. The traditional training methods, he believes, are mostly wrong. Punishment and threats work only with such relatively "stupid" animals as horses. Praise is no good except with dogs. For most animals, the best system is an immediate reward of food, given for an action repeated over and over. Even bird-brained chickens and harebrained rabbits can be deeply conditioned by often-repeated rewards.

In 1947 Breland was personnel manager of Streater Industries outside Minneapolis, where he used his psychology on human subjects. He got interested in training animals by psychological methods, and was so successful with hamsters, pigeons, chickens and other unpromising trainees that he found he could sell them, when educated, to General Mills Inc. for use in advertising stunts. In 1947 he quit his human psychology job, and in 1950 he and his wife Marian moved to a farm in Arkansas, where they set up an animal school that has turned out more than five-thousand psychologically educated graduates.

Among the most successful alumni of Breland's university are his "Caseys at the Bat" (hens that play baseball). It takes a very short time, he says, for a hen to learn that when she tugs at a rubber ring, an electrically operated bat will knock a small ball toward a wire-screen outfield and a few grains of wheat will fall into a trough. So the hen pulls the ring, and then runs madly for "first base" (the trough). If the ball is intercepted by

mechanical "defensive players," she knows by experience that she will have to try again, so she hurries back to home plate with visible annoyance and gives the bat another swing.

This performance, which looks intelligent, does not strain the brain of even the flightiest hen. If properly conditioned, she will go through her act in a department-store window, unconscious of traffic noise or applauding spectators. The only thing that matters to her is the reward, and she has been taught what she has to do to get it.

Breland's chickens also count, play poker, shoot popguns and walk on tightropes. Trained in similar mechanical ways are ducks and geese that beat on drums, hamsters that swing on trapezes, goats that dance and high-jump, rabbits that kiss each other, pigs that clean up a cluttered room. There seems to be no limit to the tricks that mechanical reward devices can teach to almost any animal. "All we have to do," says Breland, "is to keep the act within the known limitations of the given species."

Breland thinks that pigs are the most intelligent animals that he has trained. Raccoons, dogs and cats also come high on the list, while horses and cows rank low. But each animal, he says, must be trained in accordance with its peculiar nature. Dogs are not at all typical. By nature they are social animals, living in groups with a rigid code of behavior. They therefore respond to man's praise and affection. Cats do not. They like to be petted, says Breland, but their enjoyment is merely physical. They will do nothing for praise. Most other animals are equally selfish; the dog is about the only one that takes man into his family.

The most talented animals trained by the Brelands are on exhibition in their "I.Q. Zoo," a tourist attraction at Hot Springs, and 250 of them are on

the road for General Mills. They draw attention to General Mills' exhibits at agricultural fairs and of course always pick G.M. products as their favorite foods. The Brelands enjoy their commercial success, but they regard it as a pleasant way to pay for expensive research. Their leading interest is still animal psychology, and they are sure that they have learned enough already to help farmers control their animals. Example: a farmer should always be noisy in the turkey pen so that the turkeys will get used to noise and will not stampede and kill themselves during a thunderstorm.

Another Breland project is to reform U.S. zoos. Breland believes that zoo animals should be trained to perform instinctive acts when given a triggering signal. In a Breland-type zoo, the spectator could put a nickel in a slot if he wanted to see the monkeys dance or the hippo plunge into his pool. For a larger coin, a quarter perhaps, he might see a lion charge out of a thicket and leap with hideous roars on a simulated gazelle.

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SPORT SPOTS

by

Louis Bettica

INDOOR TRACK

New York, February 13 - Gunnar Neilson and Wes Santee have told reporters for the past week that they are both looking forward to this race in order to prove one's superiority over the other. Both have trained very hard, keeping in tip-top shape in order to be in the best condition.

The weather was chilly on the outside with rain and sleet covering the streets around Madison Square Garden but the more than 12,000 fans were unmindful of this; they were kept warm by the thought that perhaps another world indoor track record was to be broken.

Wes Santee, having lost the last race and his world record to Neilson, was determined to win. The crowd rose to its feet as Santee set a sizzling pace of less than two minutes for the first half. This speed took its toll of Santee and also Neilson, who kept Wes within striking range. Fred Dwyer, who had stayed back in the first half, breezed past these two men at the three-quarter mark and won easily by 65 yards. Neilson was second and Santee third. This was the second year in a row that Dwyer won the Baxter Mile of the N.Y.A.C. Meet and his time set a new record for this event.

New York, February 19 - Wes Santee won the one-mile race in the time of 4 minutes, 7.9 seconds, beating Gunnar Neilson by six yards, and right behind him in third place was Fred Dwyer, last week's winner. Gunnar Neilson told the press that this was to be the last indoor race for him this year and he

was going to return to Denmark as soon as possible. He blamed his inability to run in the March 5th meet on the fact that he has been weakened by the fast pace set in previous races and the keen competition has left him very tired.

BASEBALL

March 1st is the opening date for the start of the baseball training season and this year they are off to a good start. In fact, some teams started earlier and may receive fines from Ford Frick for doing so. The Milwaukee Braves were the first to be fined and had to pay $1,125.00.

The world champion Giants are feeling confident at the moment because their team is free of injuries and every man in the ball club has signed his contract. The Giants are training in Phoenix, Arizona.

Perhaps the most financially successful training series will be that between the Giants and the Cleveland Indians.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

March 2, 1955

	WON	LOST	TIED
Montreal	36	15	9
Detroit	34	17	11
Toronto	23	19	20
Boston	20	21	20
Rangers	14	31	17
Chicago	11	35	15

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION STANDINGS

March 2, 1955

	WON	LOST
Eastern Division		
Syracuse	38	26
Boston	32	31
Knicks	32	32
Philadelphia	30	34
Western Division		
Fort Wayne	42	44
Minneapolis	35	29
Rochester	26	39
Milwaukee	23	43

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EELS?

Perhaps no other fish has mystified science as much as the eel. Until recent years all that was known of the eel was that he is born in salt water and eventually finds his way to fresh water rivers or is content to stay just off shore. Where he is born was a mystery and his migratory habits also had the experts guessing.

There was a variety of ideas concerning the breeding place for eels. Isaac Walton, back in 1653, came out with the theory that eels were bred of a dew that fell on the banks of ponds and rivers during the months of May and June. Later, he said, the warm summer sun changed this dew into baby eels. Many other such ridiculous theories followed and it was not until the early 1920's that part of the mystery was solved. Before that time, all scientists knew was that large numbers of young eels suddenly appeared, as if by magic, at the mouths of rivers at particular times of the year. Obviously, they had to come from somewhere, but where?

A Danish scientist named Schmidt found a key to the eel spawning mystery. By tracing the development of the eel eggs, Dr. Schmidt finally located and established the breeding grounds to be an ocean region somewhere between Bermuda and the Leeward Islands. He was to record another astonishing development, for not only were these the eggs of American eels, but this was also the breeding ground of the European eel. Strange it is that the European eel always returns to Europe and the American eel always returns to America! They never mix and they never miss their points of destination despite the fact that the breeding eels never leave the breeding grounds. It takes three years for the European eel to make its journey and one year for the American eel.

Eels can be caught almost anywhere close to shore along the Atlantic coast. Commercial men catch them with a gadget called an eel pot. Fishermen use light tackle with small hooks placed just above the sinker so that the hooks will always remain as close to the bottom as possible.

BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I'm fine.

A long time ago the Boss and I lived in a different place. The rooms were little and there was no yard, but it was nice, too.

When we walked to the office we had to cross lots of big streets and lots of little streets. The Boss says that place was called the "Village," but I think it was New York because there were big trucks and many cars there.

One night we walked and walked with some friends. I was surprised and excited because we were back in the "Village" and I jumped up the steps at our house. Everyone laughed and said I was smart to remember!

Why is that smart? The Boss remembered, too!

Then we went to a place at the corner where people eat and you go downstairs. The people there remembered us. Maybe they were smart, too!

Do you remember things? Then maybe you are smart.

Claire lives in the "Village" now. She lives in a little room and it is very pretty. But it's not the same place. Claire remembers her house and so do I.

Thank you and good-bye.

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

by

Kay Vindemore

Members of the fabulous Ford family gathered on the receiving line for the dedication of a new twenty-million-dollar skyscraper clinic, the 17-story Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

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The National Safety Council disclosed last week that auto accidents killed 36,300 Americans in 1954, 10,000 more lives than were lost in three years of fighting in Korea. But figures don't tell the personal tragedies behind the headlines. For example, there is the case of Albert Ilkovich, 27-year-old Chicago steelworker. Four years ago his auto struck and killed an 85-year-old woman. A coroner's jury called it an accident. Three weeks ago his car ran down a fellow steelworker who died as the result. Last week Ilkovich was found dead in the death car. He had shot himself in the chest with a shotgun.

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Dr. John R. Mott, 89, evangelist, international leader of the Young Men's Christian Association, and co-winner of the 1946 Nobel Peace Prize for his world-wide religious activities, died in Florida, January 31.

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The Gulf Oil Corporation became the third company to strike oil in the Texas offshore lands when one of its crews, drilling from a platform in 48 feet of water, brought in a well about nine miles southwest of Port Aransas. A Standard Oil of California subsidiary and the Sun Oil Company reported discoveries last year.

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Climaxing the industry's long-time effort to produce an aircraft that doesn't need to depend on lengthy runways, the Bell Aircraft Corporation demonstrated its jet version of the convertiplane. Two engines aim their jet streams downward to drive the plane straight up, then flip over to a horizontal position to shoot it forward.

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In quiet Herford, England, Geoffrey Hughes and his wife lived happily. They met in 1948 when he was 20 and she 18. Both were orphans. They married three years later and are now parents of two sons, aged two years, and five months. A neighborhood gossip told Mrs. Hughes that she, Mrs. Hughes, was really Mr. Hughes' sister, separated from him when their parents died in 1934. Mrs. Hughes knew that, as a child, she had been given the name of Stanham by the foster family who raised her. Records confirmed that the gossip's story was really true. The brother and sister parted immediately and applied for an annulment of their marriage. They are both heartbroken. The young woman has no idea what to do but says she will never be parted from her children.

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His Exalted Highness, Osman Ali Khan, Nizam of Hyderabad, 72, is reported to be the world's richest man (worth an estimated one to two billion dollars). Of his four wives, two are still alive, and he has 42 women in his harem, 53 living children and 46 grandchildren.

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Plans are under way in Syracuse, Sicily, to recover 119 ships sunk 2,368 years ago. They were part of an Athenian fleet whose sinking in 413 B.C. was one of the greatest naval defeats in history. An English official discovered the spot where they had gone down when he fished up some ancient Greek equipment. The Italian Navy will do the dredging.

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Canada will soon become the second country with regular air service over the North Pole. Canadian Pacific Airlines will start flying from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Amsterdam, Holland, via that route in May. Scandinavian Airlines Systems has been crossing the Pole from Los Angeles to Copenhagen since last November.

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Midwest congressmen will make a drive to get the proposed St. Lawrence Seaway extended. Present plans call for building a 27-foot channel only as far as Toledo, Ohio. But a $109,000,000 bill will now be offered to extend the Seaway to Duluth, Minnesota. Army engineers have completed a survey and are ready to back the project.

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The news that General Electric Company had pressure-cooked some carbon into synthetic diamonds unsettled the world's diamond markets. One diamond merchant said, "I can see a big sign in my window reading, 'GE forcing us to the wall, prices slashed!'" However, these man-made diamonds will be used for cutting and as abrasives in industry, and not to replace the genuine jewels.

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Pope Pius XII started X-Ray treatment for neuralgia that developed in his right shoulder. His health has improved to a point where he puts in a full day's work in his study. He insists to his doctors that he be permitted to return to his usual routine. The doctors refuse, but probably it won't be long before they will consent.

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Lord Vivian and Mrs. Mavis Wheller, the blond who shot him in a lovers quarrel last July when she was "muzzy" and he "three sheets to the wind," were happily reunited at her house in London after her release from prison where she had served four months of a six-month sentence. They agreed, "We have one main plan for the future--to stay together, always, for the rest of our lives."

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Plans for New York's International Airport at Idlewild will turn it into the world's most modern terminal, capable of handling 140 airliners at one time. To cost sixty-million-dollars, the project calls for a 655-acre "Terminal City" with an eleven-block-long arrival building, two adjacent wing buildings, seven individual airline terminal buildings plus a maze of taxiways. First buildings will be ready for passengers early in 1957.

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Free rice for school lunches will be distributed by the Government because of increasing surpluses. As a starter the Government has already sent 139 carloads to nine southeastern states for distribution to schools and institutions.

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In Los Angeles, burglars broke into the offices of a motion picture producing company and made off with $500 in stage money.

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A firm, owned jointly by Dow Chemical and Corning Glass, has developed a silicone product that will make leather virtually waterproof. First use of the chemical will be for shoes. It is to be tried by the Endicott Johnson Shoe Corporation on a combination work-and-sports boot. Treated shoes will shed water, still allow air to come through the pores of the leather to cool the feet.

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In Delta, Colorado, a month after he sawed a hole in his cell door and escaped from the county jail, Harley Carringer, 24, was recaptured and put in the same cell. He used the 50-pound ball chained to his leg to knock off the new steel plate welded to the door, used the plate to break his heavy chains, escaped again by the same route.

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Groggy with fatigue and a bad cold, but still in there punching, Vice President Nixon and his wife came into Honduras, Central America, last week to talk of hemisphere solidarity. Behind them they left diplomatic triumphs, notably in Guatemala, the first country where it was possible to compare Communist promises with non-Communist performances. Practically everyone who saw him in Guatemala agreed that Nixon was a shining success. His objectives are to remind the Latin Americans that Washington hasn't forgotten them.

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He had just won a ribbon as the best male Labrador Retriever at the dog show in New York. He was valued at $2,000, but he was not happy. After his

owner left him in a shelter in New York to spend the night, Gunner's Might of Land Fall (quite a name for a dog) decided to go out and see the town. He jumped against a heavy door. It was not locked. He went out into the night. Then came the city's biggest dog-hunt, but he was not found until noon of the second day, two miles from the shelter, hungry but unharmed.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Beacon Lodge, Pennsylvania Camp for the Blind, beautifully situated in the hills of central Pennsylvania, will be open June 25 and closed August 27, 1955. Blind and deaf-blind people will be welcome. Applicants from Pennsylvania will be given first consideration, but applicants from other states will be considered if space permits. Mr. Clyde L. Downs, Camp Director, plans a well rounded recreational program for the guests of 1955. Hobby shop will be open during the day where blind guests may participate in various projects. Capacity 50 guests per week. Boating, fishing, hiking, swimming and shuffleboard are some of the out-door activities. Group singing, dancing, dramatics, chess, cards and bingo are some of the in-door activities. Arrangements will be made to get guests to the churches of their choice on Sunday. The Camp fee will be $35.00 per week and guests may stay for one or two weeks. In most cases, blind people come through sponsorships provided by service clubs or individuals. Those wishing to register should contact Carl Shoemaker, Beacon Lodge-Camp for the Blind, Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

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HEART OF THE MYSTERY

Now grandma combs her silver curls,
Now grandpa's smile is warm,
And down the street the boys and girls
Are walking, arm in arm.

The traffic cop just tipped his cap
To the lady in the Ford,
And the postman with the jaunty rap
Is whistling, "Praise the Lord!"

How is it that this bitter cup
Of life has turned so merry?
Are taxes down? Are wages up?
Or is it February?

The fourteenth day I'm thinking of,
When hardest hearts are true:
When all the world's in love with love--
And I'm in love with <u>you.</u>

--Richard Kinney

MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

During a recent trip to Connecticut, I found myself encountering steps at every turn--in the railroad stations, at the State Office Building, private homes, and schools. It brought to mind staircases I have used in all kinds of places, and I realized suddenly that steps have individualities of their own.

There are long, high staircases which seem to get steeper as you puff your way to the top. There are gradual flights which take less effort to ascend and those with landings to break the climb. There are circular staircases which offer continuous hazards, and those with open risers make you wonder if your foot may overshoot the mark. Stone or marble steps give a feeling of architectural splendor, while carpeted stairs create an atmosphere of hushed luxury.

Then there are wide steps which throw off the rhythm of your natural pace and the narrow ones which threaten to scuff the smooth leather on the back of your heels; steps with hollows worn by the passing of many feet give you uncertain footing, and steps that move under your weight seem to dare you to tread them!

Betsie takes great care on steps and leads me up or down with studied caution. In Connecticut we manouvered the endless stairways safely in spite of the snow and ice which covered many of them. A few led us into the homes of deaf-blind people who greeted us with cordial welcome. We had the pleasure of meeting Margaret Beale, Lucy Magoon and Anna Galesso and, as usual, Betsie begged for her full share of attention. It was delightful to talk with these friends whom we had known only through letters, and the time for the visits was far too short.

Our next trip will take us to the wide open spaces of Texas, with a stopover in Oklahoma City on the way back. The "grapevine" will probably relay

news of our visits long before we can report them to you in Touch—and Go, but we shall give you some account when time permits.

Thinking again about steps—Alec Templeton, the famous blind musician, has recorded a series of "Christopher Robin" songs, among which is one called "Halfway Down the Stairs." Alec plays his own accompaniment and sings the lyrics with an interpretation that shows genuine understanding of the child's philosophy.

"Halfway down the stairs is a stair where I sit.
There isn't any other stair quite like it!
It's not at the bottom, it's not at the top,
So this is a stair where I always stop.

"Halfway up the stairs isn't up and isn't down.
It isn't in the nursery, it isn't in the town,
And all kinds of funny thoughts run round my head,
It isn't really anywhere,
It's somewhere else instead!"

We all need to find just such a stair, halfway between points, to give us a chance to pause for rest, with no immediate pressure of responsibility—a chance to refresh our spirits and relax our thoughts.

Annette B. Dinsmore

OWN DOUBLE HANDICAP IGNORED BY UNTIRING "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

A totally deaf and almost totally blind woman who did not let her handicaps stop her from gaining world-wide recognition is the choice of six judges as Topeka's Woman of the Year.

She is Mrs. Breta Cornelius of Madison Street, founder and editor of Good Cheer, international braille magazine for the doubly handicapped, which has brought new worlds to hundreds of deaf and blind.

The compassion for others displayed by this woman is such that her Good Cheer, which averages 68 pages an issue, has been carried to all the 48 states, to India, China, Jerusalem and other countries. She was recipient of a Mary Margaret McBride citation for outstanding achievement in 1954 and has carried the name of Topeka into homes of the doubly handicapped everywhere.

Topeka's Woman of the Year has had her share of troubles but her share of praise and happiness, too. The tributes of her readers are uppermost in her life, but there have been many others.

Senator Carlson wrote her on behalf of the U.S. Senate in April following her receipt of the Mary Margaret McBride citation. "You have certainly done much in behalf of the deaf and blind people of this nation," he said, "and this is an honor that you are entitled to."

An excerpt from an article printed in The Capital, a Topeka newspaper.

Editors Note: We regret that space does not permit us to reprint the entire article which gave a history of Breta Cornelius' life and growth of Good Cheer magazine but congratulations to you "Topeka's Woman of the Year."

THE SCOUNDREL - A REAL LIFE "WHO-DONE-IT"

Reported Anonymously

When the English butler entered the luxurious bed-chamber on Manhattan's upper Fifth Avenue to awaken his master one morning recently, he saw a ghastly sight. Lying on the rich carpet wasthe 46-year-old Serge Rubinstein, millionaire, financial finagler, and draft dodger--bound, gagged, strangled and quite dead.

Rubinstein's life was an embroidery of lies, boasts, swindles, treacheries, beautiful women and rich living. He was a crook who called himself an international financier, and had been repeatedly exposed in court for shady dealings.

He was born in St. Petersburg in Russia where his father, he said, was financial adviser to the monk Rasputin - a background hardly calculated to recommend Serge to the business world. He was a precocious boy whose doting mother pampered him. When the Bolsheviks took over in Russia his father lined his coat with rubies and jewels and raced off to Finland. The family followed later and 10-year-old Serge arrived in Sweden with money pinned all over his undershirt and a big sapphire flung around his neck.

The Rubinsteins drifted around Europe, and at 18, Serge went to Britain's Cambridge and graduated with high honors. An older brother paid for his education and spent the rest of his life suing Serge for millions he claimed Serge had stolen.

At 23, Serge was manager of a tiny bank in Paris which was agent for the Chinese Government. By manipulating funds sent to him by China, he made a million for himself and for this larceny he got a newspaper reputation as a "boy wizard of international finance." In 1935 France asked him to leave the country because

of shady financial transactions, but Serge blamed Premier Laval who had suspected him of dallying with Laval's girl friend. However, before this he got hold of a British company which owned Korean gold mines, and through some very slippery operations he had made another fortune.

In 1938 Rubinstein came to the U.S.A. on a Portuguese passport which he said he obtained in Shanghai for $2,000. In America he continued his rascally ways and his ill-gotten fortune grew. He was sued continually for everything from swindling on up. He hired the best available legal talent and paid double fees when acquitted. He and his money attracted swarms of women, most of them beautiful and taller by several inches than the 5-ft. 7-in. Serge.

In New York he bought a Fifth Avenue mansion of five stories, gave lavish parties and frequented the swank restaurants and nightclubs -- excepting El Morocco which banished him from the premises "for eternity." He conducted his business from elaborate Wall Street offices. He believed in numerology and developed admiration for Napoleon, whom he loved to impersonate at masquerades.

His greatest public notoriety was achieved by receiving a 2-year sentence for efforts to escape the draft during World War II. Besides the stay in Lewisburg Penitentiary there was a $50,000 fine. After being released Serge went back to New York and resumed his questionable ways. He gave his girl friends house keys so that he need not go downstairs to open the door for them. When he got a new platoon of girls he would change the front-door lock.

After the murder, as police began to sift the names that crammed three thick ledgers in Rubinstein's study, there was a glamorous procession of women friends who minced into police headquarters. His actions on the night of his death were very carefully checked. After taking inventory, the police decided that robbery was not the motive. One of his many enemies (the murderer) had punished this man

who was so singularly immune to legal punishment. Quipped a reporter: "They've narrowed the list of suspects down to 10,000."

A "SHAGGY DOG" STORY

Friends of a sportsman, who had trained his retriever puppy carefully, were surprised on the first day of hunting to see the dog walk on top of the water to fetch back ducks that had fallen into the pond. As the day wore on and other ducks fell, the dog repeated this amazing performance. One of the observers remarked, "My! what a smart dog you have! The owner answered derogatorily, "He's not so smart, he only does that because he can't swim!"

DEAF-BLIND MAN APPEALS TO HEARTLESS THIEF

A deaf-blind man, whose home was robbed of two valuable braille watches yesterday afternoon while he was busy around the house, today appealed to the thief to return the timepieces.

Paul Carson of South Diamond Street told officers the watches cannot be obtained in this area, and he said he cannot afford to purchase new ones.

The theft was reported to police by Carson's daughter, Mrs. Norma Botarf.

Through her, Carson told officers what occurred:

He walked through the dining room of the house, and as he passed the dresser, he reached out and touched one of the watches which was lying there. The time was 2:25 p.m.

He went to the front room of the home, where he read a book in braille for a while. Later he went into the dining room again and struck his foot against a half-opened drawer on the buffet.

He thought nothing of this at the time, and dressed to go out on the front porch where he swept away some of the accumulated snow.

Back in the house again, he found the watch was missing, and after checking where he kept his other watch, discovered that one was gone, too.

When Carson's wife returned from a shopping trip downtown, she discovered the buffet had been ransacked, and said two sets of silverware, about 30 years old, had been taken. Entry to the house was made through an unlocked back door, police said.

Reprinted from The News-Journal, Mansfield, Ohio, January 27, 1955

Editors Note: Paul Carson writes that he had left the back door open and asks us to warn everyone never to leave doors unlocked.

SPORT SPOTS

by

Louis Bettica

BASEBALL

Baseball, more and more, is becoming a game played under lights with the announcement from the National League that 250 night games are scheduled for 1955, an increase of 11 over last year. St. Louis leads again with 56 games, Philadelphia is second with 45, and they are the only team to have fewer night games this year. Last year's total was 48. Cincinnati 36, Milwaukee has 35, Brooklyn 30, Pittsburgh 28, the same number as last year, New York has 20 and the Chicago Cubs remain the only team refusing to schedule night games.

On July 25th, 1955 at Cooperstown, N.Y., four more men will be inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame. Joe DiMaggio, Dazzy Vanoe, Gabby Hartnett and Ted Lyons may join the other 73 members of baseball who have received the sport's greatest honor.

INDOOR TRACK

During January and early February, indoor track played a prominent role in the sports' world. Among this year's great mile-runners destined to compete against one another were Gunnar Nielsen of Denmark and Wes Santee of the United States.

Washington, D.C., January 22nd - Gunnar Nielsen defeated Wes Santee in the mile run at the Washington Evening Star Meet with a finishing burst of speed, but in the relatively slow time of 4 minutes, 9.5 seconds. Nielsen running behind Santee for the first seven laps took the lead in the eighth and final lap beating the American by 15 yards before a crowd of 6,000 fans. Nielsen enjoyed great satisfaction out of winning this race because he had lost to

Santee the night before in Philadelphia in another slow race of 4 minutes, 10,5 seconds.

Boston, January 29th - Wes Santee smashed the seven-year-old world indoor record with a speedy 4 minutes, 3,8 second mile. The record mile before this was Gil Dodd's 1948 run of 4 minutes, 5.3 seconds in New York's Madison Square Garden. Santee defeated Nielsen by 25 yards.

New York - February 5th - Before a standing room crowd of 15,000 fans Gunnar Nielsen brcke the world's indoor mile record by running the mile in 4 minutes, 3.6 seconds thereby taking the title away from Wes Santee who had held it for just one week. Wes Santee was only 10 yards behind Nielsen at the finish line and Fred Dwyer of the Armed Forces was right behind him. The fans were treated to a close, exciting and spectacular race.

SHORTS

Rocky Marciano is planning to defend his heavyweight title in San Francisco sometime in May against Don Cockell of England.

A 309 pound deer was shot by Miss Carmen C. Hinchiolo of Long Island while hunting in Maine. This is the largest deer ever bagged in Maine by a woman.

Both the American and National Leagues are talking about 10 team leagues. Discussions will be continued next year.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

January 29, 1955

	WON	LOST
Montreal	28	12
Detroit	28	15

	WON	LOST
Toronto	20	15
Boston	16	18
Rangers	12	24
Chicago	8	29

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION STANDINGS

January 29, 1955

	WON	LOST
Eastern Division		
Boston	25	20
Syracuse	25	20
Knicks	21	23
Philadelphia	17	24
Western Division		
Fort Wayne	30	16
Minneapolis	25	20
Rochester	19	23
Milwaukee	14	31

BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I'm fine.

The Boss gets lots of letters and it takes hours and hours to answer them. I get some letters, too, from dogs and cats and other pets belonging to deaf-blind friends. The Boss says it is "fan mail" for me and I think that's fine. I can't answer the letters, but I can say "thank you" here.

Betty Riley is not here and it is queer. I was afraid she was sick but the B oss says she has gone away to find out about deaf-blind children. I hope she finds out about deaf-blind children, but I hope she comes back soon. She takes me for a run every day after five o'clock--up and down the hall and I like that. Claire is here and now she takes me for a run and that is fun, too. I don't understand about Betty. I think she could find out about the children here.

There is a puppy in the front apartment and his name is Jason. He has no yard to run in and his boss takes him out for walks. I meet him in the hall and he wants to play with me. One time he ran up to me in the park and we played together. He is lonely and sits in the window every morning watching us when we go to the office. I think he wants to go, too, but he stays home alone. I am sorry for him. I don't like to stay home alone. Jason doesn't go on trips either. It is too bad.

This is all I have to tell you this time.

Thank you and good-bye

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

by

Kay Vindemore

In the cold early morning hours of January 18, four criminals with life sentences attempted to crash out of the Massachusetts State Prison in Boston. Armed with smuggled knives and guns they sawed their way out of their cells, built a ladder and tried to climb over the walls. They took five interrupting guards as hostages. They demanded from mobilized police outside an auto and a chance for a get-away. For more than three days they held out, but finally walked out of the cell block and surrendered.

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The atomic submarine Nautilus made her first history-making dive in Long Island Sound on January 20. She stayed down only an hour, but her crew is trained to remain submerged for a month so that she could go clear around the world without surfacing. The nuclear power plant, which creates steam for the turbines, does not require any oxygen.

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It was luck that brought Private Ira Hayes into the picture taken of the four men who raised our flag on the summit of a mountain on battletorn Iwo Jima, the picture which was made into a postage stamp and became the model for a monument in Washington to the Marine dead. Hayes was a shy and bewildered Pima Indian and he found the hero's role hard to play. He took to drink, drifted from job to job, and in 13 years was arrested 51 times for being drunk. No one could help him. Recently after a drinking party in Arizona, he became ill and went outdoors. The next day he was found frozen on the sand. He was buried with full

military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington.

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In December 1927 a king was born in Brookline, Massachusetts. This is King Bhumibol, the present King of Thailand. His father was a student first in Harvard College, from which he graduated with honors, and later studied at Harvard Medical School where he received his M.D. degree, also with honors. Although he was a Prince of the royal family and brother of the King of Thailand he married a commoner - a very fine Siamese girl who was studying at Simmons College, And thus their son who is now the present King of their country was born in Massachusetts in the U.S.A.

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In Seattle, Leon Hubert Harent, 80, a stoop-shouldered invalid, barely able to walk, handed a post office clerk a holdup note demanding $1.000, was arrested on the spot, admitted that he had been in prison for robberies almost continuously since 1894, added sadly: "I'm not very handy at anything, I've never been much of a success."

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Following the assassination of Panama's President, the Vice President was duly installed in his place. However, a leading lawyer of that country confessed to the murder and added that the latter gentleman had promised to make him top lawyer for Panama if he would commit that murder. The new president was then impeached and a third president appointed. Panama therefore had three different presidents in thirteen days.

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Vatican City in Rome closed its small jail recently, having had only four inmates in 25 years.

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In Newark, N.J., the FBI arrested Anthony Steven Profette, 20, after he tried to evade Selective Service by sending a one legged friend to substitute for him in a draft-board physical examination.

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In London, 69-year-old Fanny Ennis finally got around to suing her 73-year-old fiance, John Purser, for breach of promise. Miss Ennis charged that Purser had first promised to marry her in 1908. Bashfull???

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Recently the liner, Queen of Bermuda, raced 150 miles off its course in a bitter gale to rescue the ten-man crew of a disabled fishing boat, the Student Prince II. In no time at all the Associated Press wires were carrying a most stirring eyewitness account of the incident. Their New York office's star police reporter, unknown to AP staff, was honeymooning on the rescue ship. He was the eyewitness and got on the job, and sent in the story.

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Blizzards and floods combined to ravage Europe towards the end of January. Drifts of snow as deep as 25 feet isolated nearly 50,000 persons in a 3700-square mile corner of Scotland. Helicopters and planes airlifted food and medical supplies. Sheep starved or were smothered beneath drifts. Thaws turned placid English rivers into rampaging floods. Parisians measured the rising waters of the Seine against an enormous statue which normally stands 12 feet above the water. Giant chestnut trees rose strangely from debris-filled water. Pumps worked

constantly in the flooded basement of Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Louvre museum moved art treasures to higher floors. The Race track was submerged and air and railroad terminals closed. Many other French rivers endangered scores of cities and country districts. The Rhine in Germany rose 26 feet above normal tying up the busiest waterway in Europe because boats could not pass under bridges.

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A new style in shoes for the ladies — glass slippers in light pastel colors — are made of glass fiber twisted into yarn and wrapped in vinyl, then woven into a pliable material. Cinderellas who wear them will clean them with a wet sponge.

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After 20 years of a-feuding and a-fighting, the American Federation of Labor (A.F.L.) and the Congress of Industrial Organizations (C.I.O.) have united and become one unit representing fifteen million workers in this country. Every problem that could block this merger was overcome in the unity plan. George Meany the present head of A.F.L. will become head of the united group, and Walter P. Reuther who now heads the C.I.O. said he would be happy to step aside in Mr. Meany's favor. No formal name for the merged organizations has been chosen to date and the complete change-over will not become effective for almost a year.

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Once upon a time a millionaire named Carl Fisher had a dream about a fairyland city that would out-pleasure any pleasure place in the world. So he bought some swamp and spent lots of his own money. Then came a parade of men waving their magic money and now this 7-mile-long strip of built-up land has some 380 hotels and a billion-dollar investment that makes the French Riviera seem like a small, silent suburb. This place known as Miami Beach is celebrating its 40th birthday this year.

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The President's reading habits have changed along with some of his others. He used to read himself to sleep on Westerns. But recently he has been going through "The Papers of Thomas Jefferson," "The Federalist," Carl Sandburg's "Abraham Lincoln" and a book on early American sailing ships. He is collecting books on the early history of Pennsylvania and is particularly interested in the section which includes Gettysburg, the site of his remodeled farm home.

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Seventeen days after Dr. Samuel Sheppard's conviction (for the murder of his wife) in one of America's most luridly reported murder trials, his mother shot herself to death. Dr. Sheppard's father, 64, died eleven days after his wife's suicide as the result of a respiratory ailment.

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"I was half-way across the street on a green light when this car driver approached at a high rate of speed and then blocked the pedestrian lane completely as he stopped for the red light," Curtis Maxwell testified in a Houston court. He continued, "I crawled up on the hood, walked across in front of the windshield, got down, and continued walking without saying anything." Arrested after a four-block chase by the driver of the two-weak-old car, Maxwell was accused of doing $200 damage. But this bold champion of the rights of man afoot was acquitted by the judge.

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On a 3000-acre farm near Decatur, Texas, a three-year-old Black Angus became the most valuable bull in the world. A one-third interest in Prince was sold for $100,000. In his short life Prince has chalked up a notable record of prizes and championships.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

It was the day after New Year's. The Christmas tree which had stood in splendor for more than two weeks was beginning to droop at the edges. Colored balls hung heavily on sagging branches; some of the lights were upside down; the angel on top, halo askew, was poised at a precarious angle.

It had been a beautiful tree this year--perfectly shaped--and it had sparkled with a radiance that filled the whole room. A group of friends had come to a "tree trimming" party and with good-humored argument over the hanging of each ornament had finally achieved an effect that was lovely indeed. The tree had set the stage for the festivities of the whole holiday season.

Now it was all over. The job of dismantling and packing away the trimmings for another year was a slow, tedious process. At last the angel was tucked out of sight in her tissue-lined carton, the lights were fitted into special containers, and the shiny balls were placed carefully in separate compartments.

As I closed the boxes reluctantly, I found myself wondering about all the things that might happen before I opened them again. There would be new places, new people, as well as old friends and former associations. There would be work--and play, successes and failures. There would be changes--some expected, others unforeseen.

The New Year has already brought changes to the American Foundation for the Blind. A new building has just been completed connecting on each floor level with the main building on Sixteenth Street. The Special Services Department has moved to the first floor of the structure, the Talking Book Department to the third floor, and the staff of consultants and field workers are established on the second. For days the confusion of packing and moving has been paramount and the settling-in process will take even longer. Betsie, who ordinarily enjoys variety in her surroundings, has expressed resistance to the new quarters and

refuses to lie down under the desk without great persuasion. Her tail droops, her ears flatten and she is clearly homesick for her old haunts.

Another change, which should be of special interest to our readers, is that Miss Betty Riley has been appointed to the position of Field Worker in Services for the Deaf-Blind. It will be her duty to gather all possible information about deaf-blind children and work with agencies and schools to help plan for their education. In this capacity she will be able to offer long-needed help in our services--traveling from time to time and taking care of a volume of detail. Miss Claire Morrissette, who has just come up from Georgia where she was working for the Fourteenth Air Force, is our new secretary and she is already taking great interest in the work.

As 1955 rolls around, may it bring all of you health and happiness, with increasing friendships near and far!

Annette B. Dinsmore

HATS OFF

MINEOLA, L.I., New York—A fat man chasing his hat in the breeze is a stock comedy situation, but a woman wailing that her new $12.50 bonnet is under a train brings out the best in railroad men.

The woman who wailed was Mrs. Mary Jo Hasson, of New York City, acting official court stenographer for Supreme Court Justice Phillip Huntington, of Mineola.

Mrs. Hasson arrived in Mineola at 9:22 o'clock one morning recently on her usual commuting schedule and stepped off the train to be met by a brisk northwest wind. It whipped the bright blue beanie off her head, wafted it into the air and brought it to earth, its two nine-inch feathers intact, between the tracks under the second car of the seven-car train.

Conductor J.F. Ryan, Sr., had seen the sight and heard Mrs. Hasson's heartbroken "My new hat!" He trotted ahead to the 1600-horsepower Diesel locomotive in which Engineer Walter Stephenson was ensconced, ready to head for Greenport on schedule.

Messrs. Ryan and Stephenson consulted. The engineer nodded. Levers were pulled. Slowly but surely—so that no hat-destroying breeze would be stirred—the train backed up an engine and a car length.

Conductor Ryan climbed to the tracks, got the hat, gave it to Mrs. Hasson, climbed on the train, called "All aboard," and off the train went, with Engineer Stephenson making up the two-minute delay to bring it in on time to Greenport.

In her excitement, Mrs. Hasson realized later, she forgot to thank the gallant railroaders. However, she put her thanks in writing in a letter to the Long Island Rail Road, on which, she said, chivalry is rampant.

—From the New York Herald Tribune

FROM ONE END OF 1954 TO THE OTHER

by

John Ferris

One morning last January a Bronx horse named Gaylord muzzled open the gate of an exercise ring and led five horses named Popeye, Jiggs, Skylight, Sandy and Hubble on a romp through the fog. The romp ended quietly when the fog lifted.

The year 1954 may well be remembered for the number of people who went romping in fogs, real or generated by odd circumstances. For example, a man at Sherman, Texas, got his whole house painted by mistake, and at Los Angeles the 55-year-old husband of a 41-year old woman, commenting on the birth of their 17th child, observed that for 17 years he had been saying: "This is the last one."

Matters of Drink.

It was the year when the drunkometer came into its own in New York State, and two eminent citizens, Governor Thomas E.Dewey and Premier Pierre Mendes-France, recommended the drinking of more milk, and the year when a Du Quoin, Ill., man broke his leg kicking a cow that was giving her milk too slowly.

It was a year of fruity romances and deep frustrations: Marilyn Monroe married and divorced Joe Di Maggio, and a man in Milan, Italy, bit a lion's tail.

The war between men and women showed no signs of abating. A drunk in Norfolk, Va., asked a blonde to help him across the street. She did, then disclosed she was a policewoman and arrested him. And in California, a woman, suing for divorce, charged that her 86-year-old husband had passed himself off as 56.

Matters of Judgment.

The Fond du Lac, Wis., county board of supervisors criticized a woman justice of the peace for crowding the jail with vagrants; a Phoenix, Ariz., man sought on a bogus check charge, took refuge at the top of a flagpole, and an angry Detroit woman, seeking a divorce, told the court her husband had squandered $4,774 on 700 hours of dancing lessons.

Rising coffee prices led the Linen Supply Association of America to observe there were fewer coffee stains on cloths and napkins; the British Brewing Industry Research Foundation announced it was freezing beer for export; McSorley's Old Ale House celebrated its centennial, and people in Merrick, N.Y., complained that the rust in their water made it look like beer and taste awful.

The burden of years sat easily on many men and women. A man of 67 engaged a man of 73 in a dance hall row, a New Jersey man of 88 became a father for the 27th time, and a New York woman of 101 went job-hunting after her boss died. In Los Angeles a 90-year-old self-styled "Lover Boy" said he stayed young by falling in love and out again, and an 80-year-old fellow townsman, fined two dollars for jaywalking, explained he was hurrying to his music class when he was flagged down.

Matters of History.

The landlord of a house in Trier, Germany, investigating complaints of a smoky chimney, found it clogged with an old bust of Hitler, and the State of Illinois added an authentic 107-year-old privy to the backyard of Lincoln's old Springfield home.

A Des Moines man was fined five dollars for spitefully giving his wife an ice-water bath and a Long Island woman sued her husband, a sanitation department

employee, for divorce because he hadn't bathed, she said, in twelve years. Sadae Iguchi, Japanese ambassador, was made an honorary Cherokee Indian chief; the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto was criticized for importing fake cowboys from Hollywood.

A Dublin bartender broke a dance-lesson contract because the colleen squeezed him too much; a Miami weather forecaster had the inside of his car drenched while giving a lesson in meteorology, and an absent-minded Napoleon (Michigan) printer inscribed the names of the teachers instead of the high school pupils on 39 diplomas.

Matters of Moment.

Won Suey, 79, a New York Chinese, blew up his oxygen tent (but wasn't hurt) when he lit a cigarette. In Santa Monica, Calif., someone stole three pairs of silk panties from a clothes line and left a dollar bill pinned to the line, and a Fair Lawn, N.J., man sued a friend for $20,000 for injuries suffered in a handshake.

A doctor in Indianapolis said a two-headed baby merited two income tax exemptions; a Passaic, N.J., judge fined a man $20,000 for selling an undersized bass, then took the fish home and ate it; the wife of an Omaha money-lender discovered she was allergic to the ink on paper money, and a 72-year-old upstate New York mental patient amassed $4,678 in 39 years of worm digging.

A Hartford, Conn., man complained about a "Peeping Blonde" he caught at his window; in Imperia, Italy, a beauty contest winner threw away his falsies and thunderously announced he was a man; and in Cleveland, a Ford Motor Company mechanic won a Chevrolet in a department store contest.

A house burned down in Minnesota because the owner couldn't break into a party line conversation and call the firemen; a Philadelphia ambulance, carrying

a two-year-old boy to the hospital, hit a bump and dislodged a chicken bone stuck in the child's throat, and when a Lancaster, Ohio, man struck a match on a fire hydrant the hydrant burst into flames—natural gas had seeped in.

Matters of Fauna.

Animals, as usual, made life difficult for man. Two wolves treed the mayor of Monteferrante, Italy, all night, and five wild boars had to be chased off the streets of Tucson, Ariz. A goose chased an Ogdensburg, N.Y., letter carrier, and a grasshopper opened a letter in Savannah, Mo. Octopuses plagued the southern coast of England, a whale stark up Coney Island, and small dead fish in Lake Agawam wrinkled noses in Southampton, Long Island.

A car thief quickly abandoned an auto in Hoboken, N.J., when he realized it was a police car; an Old Bridge, N.J. man was arrested in California for knocking down 15 STOP signs; an 88-year-old Detroit man was arrested because he got drunk every time he received an old-age pension check, and a Crow Indian at Billings, Montana, said he got drunk because for years he had had a toothache and a friend had recommended soaking the tooth in whiskey.

Thieves stole a carton of caster oil from a Hamilton, Ont., drug store and a man was rearrested within minutes of his release from the prison at Goteborg, Sweden, because he had made off with tools from the prison workshop.

—From the New York World-Telegram and Sun

SPORT SPOTS

by

Louis Bettica

This is the time of the year when sporting groups from all parts of the country get together to review the achievements of athletes for the purpose of picking out the most outstanding in their various fields.

New Year's Day is traditionally Football Day with the game played at its very best by many of the nation's top teams. First it was associated only with the Rose Bowl, but within recent years other bowls have taken some of the spotlight in the hearts of football-minded America, and the results are as follows:

Pasadena, California - January 1. The Buckeyes of Ohio State, taking full advantage of the breaks, defeated U.S.C. 20-7 before a crowd of almost 90,000. This year's Rose Bowl game was played under the worst conditions in 21 years. The field was muddy, slippery, and it rained continuously all day. Last month Ohio State was picked as the nation's No. 1 football team of 1954.

New Orleans, La. - January 1. Navy sank Mississippi 21-0 in the Sugar Bowl before a capacity-filled stadium of over 82,000 fans. Only once did Mississippi threaten That was near the end of the game when it intercepted at midfield and drove down to the 17-yard line only to fumble.

Dallas, Texas - January 1. At the Cotton Bowl the "Rambling Wrecks" from Georgia Tech won their ninth Bowl game by defeating Arkansas 14-6 before a sell-out crowd of over 75,000. Georgia had to come from behind to win because an Arkansas running attack, good for 80 yards, led to the game's first touchdown in the second quarter.

Miami, Florida - January 1. Duke's "Blue Devils" won over the "Cornhuskers" of Nebraska in the annual Orange Bowl contest by a score of 34-7. A crowd of almost 69,000 looked on what appeared to be a close game for the first half. Duke was leading at that time by a score of 14-7. Then Duke tore Nebraska apart in the

last half, winning easily.

San Francisco, California- January 1. The 13th annual Shrine game was won by the East, defeating the West 13-12 before a crowd of 60,000.

Phoenix, Arizina - January 1. The best of the Skyline Conference defeated the highly favored Border Conference All Stars in the annual Salad Bowl contest before 8,000 fans.

Houston, Texas - January 1. Prairie View defeated Texas Southern University 14-12 in the 27th Prairie View Bowl contest.

Orlando, Florida - January 1. Omaha University won a 7-6 victory over Eastern Kentucky at Florida's Tangerine Bowl. A crowd of almost 13,000 watched this game and the proceeds were donated to charity.

Jacksonville, Florida - December 31. Auburn defeated Baylor 33-13 in the Gator Bowl game before a crowd of 26,000 fans.

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

Cleveland- December 26. The Cleveland Browns upset the Detroit Lions 56-10 to win the professional football title of the nation. Otto Graham of the Browns was the game's outstanding player, assisting in the scoring of all eight touchdowns, scoring three himself and throwing passes for three more, before a crowd of almost 44,000.

TENNIS

Sydney, Australia - December 28. America's five-year quest to recapture the Davis Cup, symbol of world tennis supremacy, was at last ended with shining success when Vic Seixas and Tony Trabert scored a clinching doubles triumph over two young Australians. The Americans won the tournament three victories to two.

BASEBALL

Lippy Durocher, manager of the New York Giants, was voted Manager of the Year

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in the poll taken by the Associated Press. Willie Mays was voted most valuable player in the National League. This is the first time a ball player has received this honor in his first full-playing season. Yogi Berra, slugging Yankee catcher won the MVP Award of the American League for the second time.

BOXING

Rocky Marciano, the heavyweight champion of the world, was voted Fighter of the Year by Ring Magazine. The Brockton, Massachusetts warrior won the monthly publication's honor by a slight margin over Carl (Bobo) Olson, the world middleweight king. Olson had been unanimously chosen as the Fighter of the Year by the New York Boxing Writers' Association.

HORSE RACING

Native Dancer was again voted Horse of the Year, this time by the Thoroughbred Racing Association. The Dancer's trainer, Bill Winfrey, also was honored, getting the Association's gold medallion. During her racing carrier Native Dancer earned $513,000.

HUNTING

It was recently announced that there are 1,200 clubs in the American Field Archery Association, with a total active membership of over 100,000. Ten years ago there were less than 1,000 bow and arrow sets on the market.

OLYMPIC GAMES

A committee of more than 40 industrialists and business men have joined forces to bring Chicago a World's Fair and the Olympic Games in 1976.

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JAPAN GREETS NEW YEAR

by

Robert Trumbull

TOKYO—Emperor Hirohito's annual New Year poem set the usual earnest tone with which Japanese celebrated this festival.

The Emperor wrote:

Stout are the hearts
Of the men who toil
At their honest calling
Enduring heat and cold.

These lines, the English translation of which gives little idea of their poetic value in the Japanese language, called to mind the strictures of the present "austerity" regime and the soul-searching that goes on as Japan struggles upward from the bitter economic penalties of her defeat in World War II.

In contrast to Christmas Eve, which to Japanese is purely a time for joy, with no religious significance except for the Christian population, the beginning of the New Year was relatively quiet and was devoted to home and family. To work on New Year's Day is something that just is not done.

Furthermore there was little work done elsewhere for the next several days. Even Tokyo's hundreds of night clubs and cafes were closed, except the few that were offering gala affairs on New Year's Eve in the hope of attracting Americans, and they closed the next day while their thousands of dainty hostesses scattered to their homes for family observances.

New Year's, not Christmas, is the Japanese day for giving gifts. In families and among friends and business associates, this is so sacred an obligation—and so heavy a financial burden—that the year-end bonus issue is always a principal focus of labor union agitation.

The home must be cleaned afresh, debts paid and accounts settled as Japanese prepare to greet the New Year. The great day itself is marked by a special family meal, religious observance and pleasant fellowship closely resembling the kind attached to Christmas elsewhere. The similarity is enhanced by the decoration of doorways with pine tree symbols.

Most Japanese recall the discouragements and tangled political events of 1954 with relief that they are in the past. With increased United States economic aid and an election in view, and with the increasing attention to Japan in the world's councils, the Japanese look forward to 1955 as a year of hope. This again is true to Japanese tradition.

—From the New York Times

BETSIE BARKS

Hello. How are you? I'm puzzled!

I try to take the Boss to the office and she won't go there! Instead we go around the hall and up some stairs and into a big room where there are lots of people. There are lots of desks and little rooms with desks, too.

The Boss takes me into one room and the desk is there, but it isn't our office. I try not to sit down and hope we'll go back to our own place, but we stay and stay. Betty Riley goes into the next little room and Claire stays outside and I can't see them. It is queer.

My yard at home is the same, though, and I'm glad. I look through the fence every day and hope the man next door will come out and give me something to eat. Sometimes he does when the Boss isn't looking. If he doesn't come out, I bark for him and she scolds me for that. He is a nice man and he likes me.

I think the Boss likes the new room and maybe I will, too. It is all strange just now.

Happy New Year.

Thank you and goodbye,

Betsie Dinsmore

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The plastic braille pocket calendars for 1955 are now available and may be had without charge upon request. Please state whether you need directions for using the calendar. If you are familiar with it, please do not ask for the directions because it means additional work for this office. The directions must be brailled as needed.

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When you move please send your change of address directly to the American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville 6, Kentucky. Since "Touch-and Go" is mailed from Louisville this will save time and insure your receiving the magazine without interruption. The American Printing House keeps us informed of all such changes, so it will not be necessary for you to sen a duplicate notice to us here in New York.

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NEWS CAPSULES

by

Kay Vindemore

On December 31 the Suez Canal, perhaps the world's busiest shipping artery, was blocked when a ship struck a bridge and dropped a 350-ton section of the structure into the waterway. The canal will probably be blocked for ten days during which time approximately 300 ships had been scheduled to pass through.

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In Queens, New York City, fire started in a sewer which was under construction. Firemen and sandhog rescue teams were hampered by dense smoke and the need for spending several minutes in a decompression chamber before going underground. Three men who had been working in the sewer and three of their rescuers were taken to the hospital and all are expected to recover.

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The most vicious storm of the winter clawed across the nation on December 29. It raked the country from coast to coast as it boiled out of the southern plains toward the heavily-populated northeastern states. It trapped motorists in Oklahoma and Texas, spawned thunderstorms and tornadoes in Dixie, and dumped a foot of snow on New England. It hit the Southwest as a blizzard spreading seventeen inches of snow in some sections such as Fort Scott, Kansas.

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Colonel John P. Stapp, who became "the fastest man on earth" by traveling 632 miles an hour on a rocket-powered sled, predicted he will exceed the speed of sound on land by going 1200 miles an hour. This Air Force officer said he would try to break the sonic barrier at sea level, 760 miles an hour, in a

future sled test to decide man's tolerance to sudden wind blasts when a plane's canopy is fired off in abandoning jet aircraft.

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Recently two planes of the Scandinavian Airlines took off at approximately the same time from Los Angeles and Copenhagen, each bound for the other city via the vast Arctic wastes. The planes completed the 5,800-mile journeys without incident—the first regular commencial airline flights across the Arctic. The Canadian and U.S. Governments have agreed on construction of a 3,000-mile network of radar warning stations across this route.

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The biggest bridge in the world is being planned. It will be named the Greater New Orleans Expressway. It will not be an expensive suspension bridge project like California's Golden Gate or New York's George Washington or Michigan's Mackinac Straits. But it will be many times the length of any of them. It will run for twenty-four miles across Lake Pontchartrain. The bridge will provide a bypass for traffic congestion at the Louisiana port city and will stimulate, for the first time in New Orlean's history, the development of a suburban residential area with easy and quick access to the city.

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An Air Force weather forecaster hopes to plant a mechánical spy in the center of each future hurricane. Captain Bielinski got a patent for his "typhoon homer" which consists of a tiny boat (the hull is about two feet long) and captive balloon. Dropped from an airplane, the boat is designed to stay in the storm's eye, sending radio reports of its whereabouts and the barometric pressure.

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William Willis voyaged from Peru to Samoa on a raft, alone with a cat and a parrot. The trip took 115 days at sea and a distance of 6,400 miles was covered.

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On December 31, Pope Pius was allowed to eat beefsteak for the first time since his serious illness December 2. It was only a very small piece of meat, but that he was able to eat any at all is considered a most encouraging sign. Also, he is now able to walk for three-quarters of an hour every afternoon, leaning on the arm of his physician. By radio, he was also able to deliver a belated Christmas message to the world in which he stressed the necessity for world peace.

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Five years ago the Government brought an anti-trust suit against du Pont on grounds that it had used its holdings in General Motors and U.S. Rubber to force them to buy Du Pont products in restraint of trade. A Federal Judge has dismissed the case, one of the longest on record. He found that the Government had failed to prove the charges.

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The American Rocket Society held its ninth annual meeting in New York recently, with 3,000 scientists attending. The main subject dealt with construction of space ships and the complexities of interstellar navigation. The most daring proposal pointed out that thousands of asteroids cross the earth's orbit and these are small, no bigger than big rocks, and therefore hard to detect by telescopic photography. One scientist suggested landing on one of these asteroids and using it to observe what is going on in any country-just what military strategists would like to have done. Over a year ago Army Research people had thought so well of this project that they started to investigate the possibilities at that time.

When two prisoners escaped from a Midwestern reformatory recently, a radio alarm informed the police that they had been found to be riding an eastbound freight train. When the train made an unscheduled stop, police boarded it and recaptured both convicts. This means that radio is just as important in the operation of trains as of ships. There are now 16,792 authorized railway radio stations and train installations.

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The Paris subway is putting in its own smell. Apparently dissatisfied by the smells of machine oil, garlic, cheap wine, the French are experimenting with scents to give the subway an odor like the broad moorlands and pine forests. At each end of a train they plan to have an apparatus to fill the cars with pleasing smells each time the train pulls into a station.

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According to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, drives against labor racketeering, federal housing frauds and civil rights violations were outstanding features of its 1954 activities. It is reported that 28 labor racketeers were convicted last year, compared with none in 1953. Since April, 81 persons have been convicted of violations of the housing laws and indictments are pending against 191 others.

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The first phase of improving the Independence Hall area of Philadelphia has been completed. The razing of unsightly loft buildings has given a psychological lift to the colonial area where Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and other patriots planned the birth of our nation. The first unit just completed represents one-third of a three-block-long landscaped front entrance to Independence Hall. It has been gracefully done with trees, shrubs and an immense carpet of grass down the center. This mall is related to two other improvements now underway. They are the Independence National Historic Park project and the refurnish-

ing and restoration of the interior of Independence Hall.

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On December 29, word came from Messina, Sicily, that Stromboli Volcano erupted. Earth tremors again shook the Lipari Islands and on Sicily smoke poured from Mt. Etna. No serious damage or casualties were reported.

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President Remon, the "strong man" of Panama was shot down by machine guns at the Juan Frano Race Track on January 2, 1955. Two other persons, including a man believed to have taken part in the assassination, were also killed. Four persons in the President's party were reported wounded. The shooting took place at 8:00 P.M. as Remon and his party were sitting out on the illuminated terrace of the track following the day's races. The machine guns were believed to have been fired from the track.

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